Explanatory Note on the Integrated Legislative Text

The legislative history presented in this volume consists of an article-by-article integration of different draft versions of the statute in reverse chronological order. The sequence is as follows:

- Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court¹
- Amendments to the Rome Statute adopted by the Review Conference or the Assembly of States Parties²
- Draft amendments submitted by States Parties³
- Text of the Drafting Committee transmitted by the Committee of the Whole to the Plenary of the Diplomatic Conference⁴


² Amendment to article 124 of the Rome Statute, ICC-ASP/14/Res.2, Resolution on article 124, Annex (will enter into force in accordance with article 121(4)); Amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court on the crime of aggression, RC/Res.6., The crime of aggression, Annex I (entered into force on 8 May 2013 in accordance with article 121(5)); Amendment to Article 8, RC/Res.5., Amendments to article 8 of the Rome Statute, Annex I (entered into force on 26 September 2012 in accordance with article 121(5)).


– Text of the 1998 General Assembly Preparatory Committee submitted to the Diplomatic Conference
– The “Zutphen Draft” submitted to the Preparatory Committee at its final session of 1998
– Reports containing the decisions of the Preparatory Committee at its sessions held in 1997
– The 1996 Report of the Preparatory Committee
– The 1995 Ad Hoc Committee Report

Following is a brief chronology of the documents listed above along with others not included in this volume but which nevertheless merit mention in regards to the history of the International Criminal Court.

1. For more than half of a century the United Nations worked to establish a permanent International Criminal Court. Its efforts are evidenced in the work of various committees and their respective reports, as well as in a number of texts described in Volume 1, Part 1, Chapter 3 of this work. Among all of these

   7 _Decisions Taken by the Preparatory Committee at its Session Held from 11 to 21 July 1997 (A/AC.249/1997/L.5); Decisions Taken by the Preparatory Committee at its Session Held from 4 to 15 August 1997 (A/AC.249/1997/L.8/Rev.1); and Decisions Taken by the Preparatory Committee at its Session Held from 1 to 12 December 1997 (A/AC.249/1997/L.9/Rev.1) [hereinafter collectively 1997 PrepCom Decisions].