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Side Event for the Assembly of States Parties' 16th Session

Launch of the study "Congolese Jurisprudence under International Criminal Law: An Analysis of Congolese Military Court Decisions Applying the Rome Statute"

Co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Congo to the UN and the Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa (OSISA)

Friday, 8 December 2017, 1:15 to 2:30 pm
Conference room 8, UN Headquarters

A light lunch will be served at 1:00 pm
French/English interpretation will be provided

In 2004, in the Congolese province of Ecuador, a court in Mbandaka decided that the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court provided better guidance than the Congolese military code in adjudicating the case before it. This decision triggered an avalanche of other decisions. The important jurisprudence from this movement is one of the most innovative experiences in the application of the ICC's statute to national prosecutions of grave crimes. This groundbreaking study provides a critical analysis of some 30 decisions in which Congolese judges directly applied the Rome Statute to cases of war crimes and crimes against humanity that were referred to their courts.

Keynote speakers:

- Jacques Mbokani, professor at the University of Goma and author of the study
- His Excellency Ntambwe Muamba, Minister of Justice of the DRC
- Franck Kamunga Cibangu, OSISA Team leader on Human Rights, Access to Justice and Rule of Law

Moderator: Nick Elebe ma Elebe, Director of OSISA-DRC

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