State of Palestine becomes the thirtieth State to ratify the Kampala amendments on the crime of aggression

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On 26 June 2016 the State of Palestine deposited its instrument of ratification of the amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression. The State of Palestine thus became the thirtieth State to have ratified the amendments on the crime of aggression.

The President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, H.E. Mr. Sidiki Kaba, welcomed Palestine's ratification of the crime of aggression amendments as a vital contribution towards strengthening the rule of law and holding responsible those leaders who have committed 'the supreme international crime'.

The Review Conference of the Rome Statute, held in 2010 in Kampala (Uganda), adopted, *inter alia,* a set of amendments relating to the definition of the crime of aggression and the provisions for the exercise of the Court's jurisdiction.

The Court may exercise jurisdiction over the crime of aggression after 1 January 2017, once thirty States Parties have ratified the amendments, and subject to a decision by the Assembly to activate that jurisdiction.

The State of Palestine acceded to the Rome Statute and the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court ("APIC") on 2 January 2015.

[**Article 8 amendments**](https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/CN/2010/CN.533.2010-Eng.pdf)   
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[**Crime of aggression amendments**](https://asp.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/asp_docs/RC2010/AMENDMENTS/CN.651.2010-ENG-CoA.pdf)  
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