

AG/RES. 1770 (XXXI-O/01)

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

(Resolution adopted at the third plenary session,
held on June 5, 2001)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING its resolutions AG/RES. 1619 (XXIX-O/99), AG/RES. 1706 (XXX-O/00), and AG/RES. 1709 (XXX-O/00); the recommendation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (OEA/Ser.L/V/II.102, Doc. 6 rev., April 16, 1999, Chap. VII, 21.3.B); and the document "Framework for OAS Action on the International Criminal Court" (AG/INF.248/00);

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of the Secretary General on the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 1706 (XXX-O/00) (CP/doc.3482/01) and bearing in mind the recommendations contained therein;

CONCERNED over the persistent violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law throughout the world and the fact that the perpetrators of those acts go unpunished;

AFFIRMING that the states have the primary duty to prosecute those crimes so as to prevent their recurrence, and that complementary international agencies are needed to ensure the exercise of justice;

ACKNOWLEDGING IN THIS CONTEXT the historic adoption of the Statute of the International Criminal Court on July 17, 1998, in Rome;

RECALLING that "it is the duty of every State to exercise its criminal jurisdiction over those responsible for international crimes"; and

RECOGNIZING that 139 states, including 26 member states of the Organization of American States, have signed the Rome Statute and that 32 states, including seven member states of the Organization of American States, have ratified it,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge those member states of the Organization that have not already done so to consider the possibility of ratifying or acceding to, as applicable, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
2. To urge the member states of the Organization to participate in the meetings of the Preparatory Committee of the International Criminal Court, with a view to ensuring optimal operating conditions for the Court once it is established, in the context of unwavering protection of the integrity of the Rome Statute.
3. To request the Inter-American Juridical Committee to ensure that the agenda for the next joint meeting with legal advisers of the foreign ministries of OAS member states includes a

discussion of mechanisms to address and prevent the recurrence of serious violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law, as well as of the role of the International Criminal Court in that process.

4. To request the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second regular session on the implementation of this resolution.