



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 February 2013

Excellency,

I am pleased to inform you that the General Assembly will hold a thematic debate on International Criminal Justice, I

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**THEMATIC DEBATE
67TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

“Role of international criminal justice in reconciliation”

New York, 10 April 2013

Concept Note

The President of the 67th session of the General Assembly will convene an interactive thematic debate of the General Assembly on the role of international criminal justice in reconciliation.

Background and Objective

Over the last two decades, international criminal justice – the complex undertaking of investigating, prosecuting and adjudicating international crimes at the

These select examples clearly illustrate that international criminal justice, and in particular transitional justice, has become an important factor in the United Nations' efforts to promote peace and security, development, rule of law, human rights and reconciliation.

The international community is entering an "era of accountability", as Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and others have called it. but we must be vigilant to ensure

a neutral and impartial framework, and achieve its goals in a sustainable manner.

Draft Program

This one-day debate will include an opening session, a high-level morning session, two consecutive interactive panel sessions in the afternoon as well as closing

remarks.

Morning Session

Opening

This will comprise opening statements from the President of the General Assembly, the UN Secretary General, and keynote speakers.

High-level session