

## **About the Ratification of the Statute of International Criminal Court**

The Second International Conference on Genocide, Truth and Justice held in Dhaka (Bangladesh) on 30-31 July, 2009 takes note of the historical fact that the newly independent state of Bangladesh initiated as early as in 1974, an international seminar on the issue of the establishment of International Criminal Court. Bangladesh, bearing the brunt of a most despicable genocide in the 20th century, enacted in 1973 'The International Crime (Tribunals) Act' to establish truth and justice; which has been amended in 2009 to initiate, after a long delay, the trial process of the perpetrators of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

The Second International Conference on Genocide, Truth and Justice hopes that at this important juncture in its history, Bangladesh will take necessary measures to complete the process of ratification of the Statute of Rome for the establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC). The Conference notes with appreciation that Bangladesh was one of the first Asian countries to sign the ICC Statute.