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VII JOURNEY OF VICTIMS O TERRORISM AND TERRORIST

TERRORISM, CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY

Madrid 7 Mai , Círculo de Bellas Artes, Alcalá Street 42, 9,30 h,
Valle Inclan Room

The Collective of Victims of Terrorism in the Basque Country (Covite) and the “Fundacion para la Libertad” present in Madrid: Terrorism, Crime Against Humanity in collaboration with the “Fundación Miguel Ángel Blanco” (Miguel Angel Blanco Foundation) and the European Network of Victim terrorism.

The conference will take place in Madrid ant the “Circulo de Bellas Artes”, Valle Inclán Room, the next May 7th at 9:30am.

The central topic of discussion: "Terrorism Crime Against Humanity" runs parallel to achieve a specific goal: to obtain that the International Criminal Court extends the jurisdiction of crimes, including crimes of terrorism in the Review Conference scheduled for 2009. Terrorism has become a global criminal phenomenon that affects more than sixty countries in the world causing thousands of victims. However international law is moving slowly in the protection of victims of terrorism and on the actual consideration of terrorism as a crime against humanity.

On May 7th in Madrid the journey will address the legal and international perspective of the subject. Spanish and European victims and judges will discuss the proposal to ensure that terrorism is considered an international crime.

Program Schedule:

9:30 Press Conference: Presentation of the report: *The inclusion of terrorism among the international crimes under the Statute of the International Criminal Court.*

Speakers:

- Teo Uriarte “Fundación para la Libertad”
- Cristina Cuesta. President of Covite (Collective of Victims of Terrorism in the Basque Country and director of “Fundación Miguel Angel Blanco”)

- Juan Antonio García Casquero. President of the Spanish Association of Victims of Terrorism
- Valentín Bou. Professor of International Public Law of The University of Valencia.
- Guillaume Denoix de Saint Marc. President of the French Association of Victims of Terrorism.
- Luca Guglielminetti. International responsible of AIVITER, the Italian Association of Victims of Terrorism.

Also we'll have the presence of:

- Daniel Portero. President of "Dignidad y Justicia"
- Ana Iribar. Presidente of "Fundación Gregorio Ordóñez"
- María Lozano. Director of the European Network of Victims of Terrorism

10:30 Master Class: **The need and desirability of criminalizing terrorism internationally**, by Valentín Bou, Professor of International Law, University of Valencia.

11:15 Round table: **Terrorism in Spain, the impact in the Spanish legal code as an international crime.**

Reporters:

- Nicolás Poveda. Judge of the Spanish Supreme Court
- Ignacio Gordillo. Public prosecutor of the Spanish Supreme Court
- Ignacio José Subijana. Judge of the Province Court of Guipuzcoa

Moderator:

- Ana Gemma López Martín. International Public Law Professor . Rey Juan Carlos University.

12.15 Round Table: **From the national experiences to the inclusion of terrorism as an international crime in the International Penal Court.**

Reporters:

- Javier Gómez Bermúdez. President of the Penal Room of the Spanish Supreme Court
- Renan Villacís. Director of the secretariat of the States members of the International Penal Court.
- Maurizio Laudi. Director of Public Prosecutions of the Province di Asti, Italy
- Jean- Louis Bruguière. Judge ex Vice president of the Court of "Grande Instance" in Paris.

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