## Malaysia accedes to the Rome Statute

On 4 March 2019, Malaysia acceded to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, becoming the 124th State Party to the world's only permanent criminal justice mechanism holding individuals accountable for the most egregious violations against humankind.

Malaysia's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah signed the instrument of accession to the Rome Statute on 4 March, 2019 and the agreement was deposited with the United Nations Treaty Office on the same day. The accession will come into force on 1 June 2019.

According to the Press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affair, Malaysia's accession to the Rome Statute reflected its commitment to combating international crimes for global peace and security and indicated the country's willingness to work together with all State Parties in upholding the principles of truth, human rights, rule of law, fairness and accountability.

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