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Definition of the crime of aggression

- For the purpose of the present Statue and subject to a determination by the Security Council referred to in article 10, paragraph 2, regarding the act of a State, the crime of aggression means either of the following acts committed by an individual who is in a position of exercising control or capable of directing the political or military action of a State:
 - (a) initiating, or
 - (b) carrying out

an armed attack directed by a State against the territorial integrity or political independence of another State when this armed attack was undertaken in manifest contravention of the Charter of the United Nations with the object or result of establishing a military occupation of, or annexing, the territory of such other State or part thereof by armed forces of the attacking State.

- 2. Where an attack under paragraph 1 has been committed, the
 - planning,
 - preparing, or (b)
 - (c) ordering

thereof by an individual who is in a position of exercising control or capable of directing the political or military action of a State shall also constitute a crime of aggression.