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The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court presents its compliments to States Parties and has the honour to refer to the mandate of the Assembly at its seventeenth session.¹

In this regard, the Secretariat hereby conveys the “Complementarity Platform” aimed at facilitating links between States Parties requesting technical assistance with actors that may be able to assist national jurisdictions in their efforts to investigate or prosecute Rome Statute crimes. An explanatory flyer also accompanies the Complementarity Platform.

The Secretariat invites States Parties to indicate their technical legal assistance needs by completing the Complementarity Platform, in accordance with the enclosed Guidance note. Once the Secretariat receives a request, it will coordinate with the requesting State, such as sharing information with actors who may be able to assist.

States Parties are invited to submit their responses by email to the Secretariat focal point on complementarity at ASPComplementarity@icc-cpi.int by **Wednesday, 31 July 2019**. Any inquiries can also be directed to above address.

The Complementarity Platform has been drawn up by the Assembly’s co-focal points for complementarity, Australia and Romania, in consultation with the Secretariat and relevant Court officials.

The Secretariat also wishes to recall the mandate on complementarity, established at the Review Conference by resolution RC/Res.1, and at subsequent sessions of the Assembly of States Parties including in ICC-ASP/17/Res.5, which provides for the Secretariat to “continue to develop its efforts in facilitating the exchange of information between the Court, States Parties and other stakeholders, including international organizations and civil society, aimed at strengthening domestic jurisdictions, and to invite States to submit information on their capacity needs for the consideration of States and other actors in a position to provide assistance”.

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¹ ICC-ASP/17/Res.5, annex I, para. 14 (b).