

Reference: ICC-ASP/15/S/08

The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties presents its compliments to States and has the honour to refer to the mandate of the Review Conference to the Secretariat, set out in resolution RC/Res.1 and renewed by the Assembly in subsequent resolutions, ending with resolution ICC-ASP/14/Res.4:

“91. Welcomes the report of the Bureau on complementarity;

92. Also welcomes the information by the Secretariat on the progress in giving effect to its mandate to facilitate the exchange of information between the Court, States Parties and other stakeholders, including international organizations and civil society, aimed at strengthening domestic jurisdictions, and further welcomes the work that has already been undertaken by the Secretariat and the President of the Assembly”

In resolution ICC-ASP/14/Res.4, annex I, the Assembly:

“13 (b) requests the Secretariat to, within existing resources, 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 report to the fifteenth session of the Assembly on further progress in this regard.”

The Secretariat wishes to recall that the ASP complementarity website now includes a complementarity resources page which contains, *inter alia*, existing background Assembly documents, relevant documents and tools. This measure was taken in order to continue to improve public access to information on complementarity actors and their activities. The website also contains an indicative list of actors (governmental, non-governmental, others) working in the field of complementarity, including information on their most relevant areas of work, and a link to the actors' websites where appropriate. This webpage may be accessed at: https://asp.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/asp/complementarity/List-of-Actors/Pages/default.aspx

The Secretariat would like to invite States to submit, pursuant to paragraph 13 (b) of ICC-ASP/14/Res.4, annex I, information on their complementarity-related activities by completing the “Complementarity actor form” annexed hereto. Information submitted prior to 18 September 2016 will be included in the Secretariat's report on its progress in giving effect to its mandate, as indicated in paragraph 92 of the above-mentioned resolution.

Further, in light of the panel discussions held on 19 November 2015 during the fourteenth session of the Assembly on the topics “Strategic action to enhance national capacity to investigate and prosecute sexual and gender-based crimes that may amount to Rome Statute crimes”, “Ensuring access to justice for victims of sexual and gender-based crimes at the national level”, and “Enhancing empowerment of victims of sexual and gender-based crimes at the national level”, the Secretariat encourages States to also include any specific activities in this regard. The webpage may be accessed at: https://asp.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/asp/sessions/documentation/14th-session/Pages/ASP14-plenary.aspx

The Secretariat wishes to inform States that, unless a specific indication is made to the contrary, the information received pursuant to the current note verbale and its annexed “Complementarity actor form” would be made available on the “List of actors” page of the website of the Assembly.

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