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ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES TO THE ROME STATUTE

**PLENARY MEETING ON COOPERATION**

**JOINT STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE NON-COOPERATION FOCAL POINTS**

Mr. President

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Czech Republic, Liechtenstein, Peru, the Republic of Korea and Senegal – the ad country focal points for non-cooperation.

Cooperation and non-cooperation remain central themes on the agenda of the ASP, in particular in connection with the execution of outstanding arrest warrants – an area of great concern. Under article 112 of the Rome Statute, this is an area where the ASP has a specific task relating to concrete judicial proceedings: to consider the issue of non-cooperation, once the Court has made a concrete finding to that effect and referred the matter to the Assembly.

Full and timely cooperation is a clear obligation for each State Party and it is necessary for the Court to properly do its work. In order to avoid or be able to react to any instances of non-cooperation, the ASP, at its tenth session, adopted procedures relating to non-cooperation and later mandated the focal points for non-cooperation to undertake a review of those same procedures with the aim to improve their effectiveness.

Mr. President

Our delegations are pleased to have been able to complete the review of the Assembly's non-cooperation procedures this year in close consultation with States Parties, the Court and other relevant stakeholders. This important review was carried out in order to

enhance the effectiveness on one of the Assembly's core mandates. And, we hope the updated Assembly procedures relating to non-cooperation as well as the revised toolkit for the implementation of the informal dimension of the procedures will help us – as individual States Parties and as an Assembly – to better react in such instances.

I thank you.