

## **ARGENTINA**

In relation to the email dated 12 March sent by the ASP, on behalf of the representatives of the States Parties to the Review Mechanism, regarding the invitation made to States Parties to submit written comments on the first stage of the Review Mechanism's work (categorisation of the IER experts' recommendations), Argentina makes the following comments:

Firstly, it is recalled that Argentina has actively participated in the review process; stressing on repeated occasions the importance of respecting and guaranteeing the independence of judges and the Prosecutor's Office. In this regard, Argentina has stated that there are recommendations that fall within the exclusive competence of the Court, a body that should evaluate their implementation as provided for in the Statute.

In addition, Argentina has stressed the importance of strengthening the principles of transparency and inclusiveness that underpin the work of the Review Mechanism and, in turn, the need to include stakeholders, including States Parties, relevant mandate holders of the Assembly and civil society, in the process.

With regard to the elaboration of the proposed categorisation of recommendations, which the Bureau expects to adopt by the end of May, Argentina believes that it would be appropriate to receive in the first place the input of the organs of the Court, through their Coordinators, since it would constitute a preliminary analysis of the recommendations contained in the final report of the independent experts.

In turn, and in order to avoid duplication of efforts in matters in which the Court is already taking measures and/or actions, Argentina understands that it is of importance to have their contributions.

On the other hand, Argentina believes that in parallel, progress could be made on the proposal for the categorisation of those recommendations that are addressed to the Assembly of States Parties and its subsidiary bodies, such as the improvement of the system for the nomination of judges and the procedure for the adoption of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, among others.

Finally, we take this opportunity to thank the representatives of the States Parties to the Review Mechanism and the country focal points for their efforts in taking forward this stage of the Review Mechanism's work.