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The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties presents its compliments to States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

The Secretariat hereby conveys a “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, with a view to 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 **Thursday, 7 October 2021**. Any inquiries can also be directed to the same address above.

The Complementarity Platform has been drawn up by the Assembly’s co-focal points for complementarity, Australia and Uganda, in consultation with the Secretariat¹ 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/19/Res.6, which provides for 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 invite States to submit information on their capacity needs for the consideration of States and other actors in a position to provide assistance”.

The Hague, 2 July 2021

¹ In implementation of its mandate contained in resolution ICC-ASP/19/Res.6, annex I, para. 14 (b).