
Review Conference of the Rome Statute

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[Draft] Declaration on cooperation

The Review Conference,

Recalling that the effective fight against impunity requires timely justice and, to this end, that proceedings are pursued with proper expedition,

Stressing the importance of effective and comprehensive cooperation by States, international and regional organizations so that the Court can properly fulfill its mandate,

Noting the extensive efforts undertaken with a view to enhancing cooperation, both by the Assembly of States Parties and by the Court,

Acknowledging the progress achieved to date in enhancing the level of cooperation provided by States to the Court, and also *acknowledging* that further progress is required in this matter,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of all States Parties meeting fully their obligations under Parts 9 and 10 of the Rome Statute;
2. *Emphasizes* that those States under an obligation to cooperate with the Court must do so;
3. *Emphasizes* the particular need to have in place adequate implementing legislation or other procedures under national law to enhance cooperation with the Court;
4. *Reaffirms* the importance of compliance with requests for cooperation from the Court;
5. *Emphasizes* the crucial role that the execution of arrest warrants plays in ensuring the effectiveness of the Court's jurisdiction and further *emphasizes* the primary obligation of States Parties, and other States under an obligation to cooperate with the Court, to assist the Court in the swift enforcement of its pending arrest warrants;
6. *Encourages* States Parties to continue to engage in seeking to enhance their voluntary cooperation with the Court through arrangements or any other appropriate form of assistance on an *ad hoc* basis;
7. *Encourages* all other States to cooperate with the Court and, to this end, also *encourages* the Court to enter into appropriate arrangements;
8. *Decides* that the Assembly of States Parties should, in its consideration of the issue of cooperation, place a particular focus on sharing experiences;

9. *Encourages* all relevant stakeholders to provide assistance, using existing measures and exploring innovative methods, to States seeking to enhance their cooperation with the Court;

10. *Emphasizes* the importance of enhancing support for the Court, including by broadening an understanding of issues relevant to the Court, at national level;

11. *Requests* the Assembly of States Parties in its future consideration of the issue of cooperation to examine how to enhance public information on, and promote an understanding of, the mandate and operations of the Court.