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## **President of the Assembly visits The Hague and attends the Symposium on Strengthening Gender Justice through International Prosecutions**

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From 5 to 7 September 2012 the President of the Assembly of States Parties (“the Assembly”), Ambassador Tiina Intelmann, visited The Hague and participated in a Symposium “Strengthening Gender Justice through International Prosecutions” organized by Women’s Initiatives for Gender Justice and UN Women. The President delivered a keynote speech in which she emphasized that the International Criminal Court is at the forefront of gender justice and highlighted the importance of ensuring that national proceedings for Rome Statute crimes take into account the gender dimension; she also underlined the centrality of States cooperation to every facet of the Court’s work, including in ensuring justice for gender crimes. Furthermore, the President moderated the panel discussion on the topic of Global Support, which focused on the role of States and regional political bodies in supporting the Court; the steps that can be taken to ensure greater cooperation for the implementation of arrest warrants; and the place of the ICC and the Tribunals in relation to the global system of security, justice and peace.

President Intelmann also held meetings with senior officials of the Court and members of the diplomatic community. The discussions focused primarily on the preparation of the eleventh session of the Assembly of States Parties, in particular with respect to the two standing agenda items: complementarity and cooperation. Furthermore, the President attended the Fifth informal meeting of The Hague Working Group facilitators, chaired by the Vice-President of the Assembly and Coordinator of The Hague Working Group, Ambassador Markus Börlin.