

Statement on the cooperation

Mr President,

First of all, I wish to express my gratitude to the Ambassadors of France and Senegal for their work and the excellent contribution made as facilitators on a key topic for the future of the Court. Italy also associates itself with the statement on behalf of the European Union

Italy shares the view that the cooperation is the key for strengthening and enhancing the capacity of the court to fully realize its mandate. As you know, Italy is engaged in cooperating with the Court on investigations in Libya, providing an important contribution through the exchange of information and documents useful for the work of the Prosecutor.

The ICC is the central pillar of a global system of international justice. It is important that the Court continues to benefit from closer cooperation with other international mechanisms established to ascertain facts related to alleged violations of the international human rights, in view of facilitating the prosecution of these crimes and holding accountable perpetrators of the most serious crimes to the international community delivering justice to victims.

It is also important for States Parties to implement in particular the obligation to cooperate with the Court with regard to constitutional and legislative frameworks, enforcing Court decisions and executing of arrest warrants.

Difficulties in executing arrest warrants represents a crucial challenge to the credibility of the Rome statute system. States parties and the ICC must strengthen cooperation in the arrest persons subject to warrants issued by the Court. Perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole must not find shelter.

Implementing voluntary agreements and other forms of voluntary cooperation such as the relocation of witnesses, enforcements of sentences and final release are also key.

Italy finally underlines the importance of effective procedures and mechanisms enabling States Parties and other states and institutions to cooperate with the court in relation to the identification, tracing and freezing or seizure of proceeds, property and assets as expeditiously as possible. These measures are also essential to secure funds for reparations for victims and for providing support the various programme of reconstruction.

Thank you