- Serbia would like to use this opportunity to thank the Review Mechanism for the work done so far and ensure them of its support and active engagement in the process ahead, including when the RM takes over the responsibilities of facilitation in accordance with the ASP Resolution 19/7.
- Serbia reiterates its position that review of the ICC is a State-driven process that can significantly benefit form continuous dialogue with the Court and other relevant stakeholder. While fully respecting prosecutorial and judiciary independence, we are of the view that assessment (which includes discussion rather than mere implementation) of the IER recommendations stipulates careful consideration by the ASP as well, no matter if they have been allocated to the Court or to the Assembly. We believe that is in line with the role of the ASP as envisaged in the Rome Statute.
- In line with that, we note with special interest remarks of the Review Mechanism concerning recommendations with budgetary and legal implications. Similar goes to recommendations allocated to the Court while reporting entity continues to be the ASP. We believe the role of the ASP in discussion and implementation of these recommendations is crucial.
- Taking into account the important role of the RM that includes two linked components (preparatory and substantive work in assessing recommendations in case no facilitation can take over), Serbia reiterates the importance of inclusive process and consultations as stipulated in para 6 of the 19/7 ASP resolution. In that sense, Serbia shares the view that timely sharing drafts and proposal with the SPs/Bureau is both helpful and useful.
- <u>Concerning priorities</u>, we are of the view that recommendations concerning enhancement of the work of the Court and its **efficiency** should be emphasized. Issues concerning **governance** should, in our opinion, be at the top of the priorities. The new Presidency in the Court as well as the new Prosecutor will have important role and cooperation with them will be essential. For example, the questions of appointing two Deputy Prosecutors and reform of field offices might be the issues of special interest, not only in the sense of making work efficient but also bearing in mind financial consequences.
- Recommendations implying **budgetary consequences** should also be prioritized. Furthermore, all recommendations concerning enlarging the number of staff or reorganization that might have budgetary consequences are of special interest.
- Recent events also show importance of addressing sensitive issues like **complementarity.**
- Although working culture within the Court is mostly for the Court and its internal organs, we believe issues like harassment, accountability and conflict of interest should be given serious consideration, mainly through the **oversight mechanisms**. We have seen recently that these issues can influence the perception of the Court in the wider public.