

- Madam President, distinguished members of the court, colleagues, ladies, and gentlemen. I want to thank the co-facilitators on cooperation, France and Senegal, for organizing this important plenary session on cooperation.
  
- As many have already pointed out before me, the effective operation of the court depends largely on the scope and degree of cooperation provided to it, from both states and non-states parties as well as international organisations and civil society.
  
- In the course of investigating, trying cases and executing judgments, the ICC has to rely on the cooperation of states in areas such as assistance in investigation and evidence-gathering, making arrests, transferring the accused and executing judgments and acquittals. The witnesses and their families must be protected, and many times relocated.
  
- Sweden has entered into two voluntary agreements, one concluded in 2007 on relocation to Sweden of witnesses and another one on the enforcement of sentences in 2017.
  
- We have had a good cooperation with the court on these agreements and we are committed to continue cooperating and lend our support to the court as well as exchanging best practices with other states.
  
- Sweden encourages other states to enter into voluntary agreements with the court.
  
  
- Thank you.