

**Intervention of H. E. Mr M. Riaz Hamidullah, Bangladesh Ambassador to The Netherlands and
Permanent Representative to ICC at the Plenary meeting on ‘Review of the International
Criminal Court and the Rome Statute system’
21 Session of ICC ASP, 7 December 2021 (15:00 – 16:30 hours)**

Mr President/Vice - President,

Bangladesh appreciates the work of the **Review Mechanism**; and applauds the Co-facilitators, Ambassador van den Ijssel and Ambassador Michael Kanu for steering the mechanism’s work throughout in a judicious and transparent manner.

It’s also good to see the ways you, Madam President, the Court focal points, the Assembly mandate holders and the Civil Society engaged throughout in open and constructive manner.

As an *ad country* focal point, Bangladesh engaged both in The Hague and in New York leading to the adoption of the Comprehensive Action Plan (CAP); and notes the progress made in the Plan’s implementation.

We believe, the matrix prepared by the review mechanism stating the status and outcome of assessments of the IER recommendations constitute important reference point for member States and all Principals in evaluating the progress in the Court’s review process.

While assessment of some recommendations will continue until the middle of 2023 as per the CAP, it will be useful to soon engage on implementation of the recommendations that have been positively assessed. We are open to suggestions from all stakeholders, including civil society, on how best to follow up the positively assessed recommendations.

While assessment of the some of the recommendations will continue as per the CAP, lets us discuss how do we pronounce on the negatively assessed recommendations.

We also need to decide on the future of mechanism beyond 2023 besides advancing on the CAP implementation. Bangladesh sees utility in the mechanism to continue in a modicum of follow-up role on the Recommendations that are already under implementation or would proceed for implementation.

It would also be important to designate an entity to oversee the matters of the IER recommendations in entirety. This Assembly may reflect on possible actions.

I flag these being mindful of the mandate to the Review Mechanism given by all States Parties aiming to meaningfully augmenting the efficacy of the Court, ensuring best use of limited resources and also universalizing the Court.

I thank you.
