

**Intervention by the United Kingdom on the Independent Expert Review as  
delivered by Andrew Murdoch**

Thank you Ambassador, for giving me the floor.

The United Kingdom strongly supported the commissioning of the Independent Expert Review (IER) process in 2019, recognising amongst other states the need for the Court to improve its performance in a number of areas to meet the demands of international justice and deliver its mandate.

The Review Mechanism has performed an excellent service in assessing and prioritising the recommendations and we look forward to the completion of those remaining. It is important that States Parties are assured in the round that the recommendations are being implemented. The facilitations will play a valuable role in assessing and implementing the recommendations. However, the United Kingdom still sees the value of a single body that can report to the Bureau and States Parties on the overall picture. We do not see this body as being permanent, but rather as a continuing body until States Parties are satisfied that the recommendations are implemented or are in the process of implementation. We therefore welcome the roadmap outlined by the Review Mechanism Chair which will see the Mechanism continue to monitor the overall process, including implementation. We support the extension of the Review Mechanism's mandate for a further period of twelve months. We reiterate that the implementation of the recommendations is a shared endeavour and that States Parties are crucial to the effective implementation as well as the Court itself.

It is also interesting and important to note the work on the draft strategic plans for 2023 to 2025. We note that the Registry's draft includes the implementation of the IER recommendations as a priority with a detailed process with a timetable and decision making governance required for actual implementation. The United Kingdom fully supports this approach and embedding it in the strategic plans across all organs of the Court and will certainly be submitting comments, as also other states would need to do, by the end of January.

Ambassador, the implementation of the IER recommendations remains a top priority of the United Kingdom and we will continue to work collaboratively with other States Parties and the Court as the review process continues. Thank you.