

*Excellencies,*

*Distinguished Delegates,*

Poland as a member of the Review Mechanism – ad-country Focal Point – has the privilege of being closely involved in the review process. As the assessment of the recommendations of the Independent Expert Review is slowly being finalised and the implementation of the positively-assessed recommendations continues, we may be tempted to make a preliminary summary of our joint achievements.

There is no doubt that great progress has been made in the assessment of the IER recommendations by the Assembly mandate holders and the Review Mechanism itself. Any remaining recommendations should be assessed during the first half of 2023. We hope that we will be able to clear any backlogs in the assessment process by then.

However, the focus has already shifted to implementation of positively-assessed recommendations which is an ongoing commitment. It will ensure that the tangible outcome of the review process does not fade, but contributes to improving the efficiency of the Rome Statute system. The implementation should continue to be carried out in full respect of the judicial and prosecutorial independence.

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I said earlier that we might be tempted to make a preliminary summary of the progress made, but we certainly should not be tempted yet to draw any final conclusions on the success or failure of the review exercise. We still have a lot of work ahead of us. But our important achievement is that we, all stakeholders, working together throughout the review process, dealing with nearly every aspect of the Court's work, have already proved that the review process has become a joint undertaking that unites us despite our differences and shows that we all have one goal – to support the ICC so that it can fulfil its mission of delivering justice for all victims of egregious atrocities.

To conclude, I would like to reaffirm Poland's readiness to continue our engagement in the review process as a member of the Review Mechanism.

On a more personal note, if I may, I would like to wholeheartedly thank the Review Mechanism State Party representatives, Ambassador Paul van den IJssel and Ambassador Michael Kanu for their hard work and excellent leadership. I thank my fellow ad-country Focal Points,

colleagues from Chile and Bangladesh and, of course, the Court Focal Points, Hiram, Racine and Juan, for fruitful and pleasant cooperation. Last but not least, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Secretariat for the support provided, Gaile and Aaron – thank you so much, without your personal dedication it would not have been possible to fulfil all the tasks assigned to the Review Mechanism.

*Thank you.*