

Statement by H.E. Ambassador Alicia Guadalupe Buenrostro Massieu, Alternate Permanent Representative, on behalf of the Delegation of Mexico, at the Plenary Meeting on Cooperation of the twentieth-second session of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court

Distinguished Co-facilitator,

Distinguished Delegates,

Judges and Officials of the International Criminal Court,

Civil Society Representatives:

The cooperation of States Parties, other States, and international organizations, such as the United Nations and its agencies, is absolutely essential for the International Criminal Court to fully comply with the mandates set out in the Rome Statute.

It is of the utmost importance to end impunity for perpetrators of the most serious crimes against humanity. Therefore, we call on the States Parties to intensify their cooperation with the Court, including implementing 17 outstanding arrest warrants, as well as requests for financial investigations, and the seizure and freezing of assets.

Mexico also calls on the States that have not yet done so to ratify or adhere to the Rome Statute. The universality of the system is a key goal. Mexico also reiterates the importance of enacting or amending national laws to cooperate and comply with the requests of the International Criminal Court. All of these matters are important elements to meet the objective of investigating and prosecuting the crimes defined in the Rome Statute wherever they are committed.

The Mexican Delegation wishes to reaffirm its support for, and commitment to, the International Criminal Court in the field of cooperation. In particular, we welcome and appreciate the new policy paper of the Prosecutor, Mr. Karim Kahn, on cooperation and complementarity, as well as the proposals of the Registrar, Mr. Osvaldo Zavala Giler, to improve and develop different forms of cooperation. Be assured to count on the full cooperation of Mexico in this respect.

Thank you.