

Statement by Delegation of Bangladesh
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Thank you Mr. chair for giving me the floor,

Madam President,

Bangladesh reaffirms its steadfast commitment to the principles and objectives of the Rome Statute and stands firmly in support of the ICC in its pursuit of justice and accountability for the gravest crimes of concern to the international community.

We recognize the significant challenges the Court is facing, including issues of non-cooperation and the potential imposition of sanctions. While Bangladesh respects the sovereignty of all nations, we underscore the importance of dialogue and mutual respect to address any concerns regarding the Court's mandate and operations. Constructive engagement, rather than unilateral punitive measures, is essential for strengthening the international rule of law.

Within its 23 years of establishment, ICC has shown progress in issuing arrest warrants for crimes committed against humanity, demonstrating that impunity cannot remain unchallenged. However, the number of fugitives still at large demonstrates the need for stronger international cooperation and enforcement mechanisms.

As a State Party, Bangladesh encourages all members and stakeholders to support the Court in fulfilling its vital mandate. We believe that cooperation and collective resolve are indispensable for ensuring that the ICC remains a credible and effective institution, upholding justice for victims and contributing to global peace and security.

Thank you, Madam President.