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Thank you, Ambassador, for giving me the floor.

On behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom, I would firstly like to thank the co-facilitators for cooperation, Ambassador François Alabrune (France) and Ambassador Ramatoulaye Bâ Faye (Senegal) for their dedicated work on this important topic this year.

Without international cooperation, this Court could not function. Without cooperation between States Parties and the Court, impunity is left unchallenged. This is in no State Party's interest. As we said in our national statement, the relationship between the Court and States Parties is symbiotic, and this is nowhere more relevant than in cooperation.

If we expect the Court to deliver for us, then we must deliver for the Court. The non-cooperation toolkit provides a valuable resource to help States Parties' domestic authorities establish clear systems to monitor and ensure best practice in cooperating with the Court.

Last year, the Court suffered a devastating cyber-attack and was subject to threats and intimidation against its staff. This year, those same threats continue. Security is paramount to the effective functioning of this Court, and the UK calls upon States Parties to support where they can. The UK recently made a donation to the Registry's

Special Fund for Security and continues to be supportive of the Court in budget discussions to get what it needs to ensure effective reinforcement from future attacks.

As reflected in the Court's Concept Note from May 2024, the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court forms an important layer of protection for its officials in these volatile times, including when they leave office. We call on States Parties to give full effect to this Agreement, and those States Parties which have not yet ratified the Agreement to consider doing so.

I thank you.