



State of Palestine

The State of Palestine welcomes the report on cooperation with the Court and thanks the facilitators for their work and dedication. We recall the obligations of States Parties to cooperate with the Court and operate in all circumstances in good faith consistent with the object and purposes of the Court.

While the Court is being threatened with debilitating sanctions that will affect the functioning of the Court and kill the promise of the Rome Statute, we are also faced with actions and statements by few States Parties openly opposing and challenging the jurisdiction of the Court and protecting war criminals.

Remarks by Hungary inviting Israeli criminals or sending letters of support or by Argentina sending solidarity to Israeli war criminals, or others releasing contradictory statements depending on the religion, color, or origin of the victims, are part and parcel of the existential threat facing the Court and undermine its effectiveness and efficacy.

Cooperation includes respect for the Court, assist the investigations and implement and enforce Court orders, including for arrest and surrender of suspects. Cooperation includes protecting and upholding the integrity of ICC, and all of its organs, from political attacks or undue influence by States and organizations. Cooperation is ensuring justice and accountability for all victims of international crimes. Cooperation is ensuring there are no double standards, that “no one is above the law”, that the law applies equally, to everyone.

The Rome Statute creates a binding legal obligation for States Parties to uphold its tenets in both domestic and international contexts, ensuring that the objectives of the Statute are fully achieved. The State of Palestine will continue to cooperate with the Court and will use all legal, diplomatic, and political means to ensure that States Parties cooperate with the Court in the Situation in the State of Palestine.