

Thank you, Madam Chair, for giving me the floor.

As everyone here emphasized it today, the court can not work alone.

All State Parties / must cooperate closely with the Court / and take action against serious crimes.

since becoming a member on February 2, 2003, / Korea has actively supported / the ICC's work in various ways.

For instance, / in November 2023, / the Ministry of Justice / co-hosted the ICC Asia-Pacific / High-Level / Regional Seminar / in Seoul.

The event was attended by more than 100 invitees, / / including then ICC President / Piotr Hofmański, / former ASP President Silvia Fernández, ICC Deputy Prosecutor Nazhat Khan, and delegations / from over 10 Asian countries.

In addition, / the Republic of Korea plans to sign / the "Agreement on / the Enforcement of Sentences" / with the ICC, / becoming the first / Asia-Pacific country / to do so.

By signing the Agreement, / Korea hopes to / contribute / to the enforcement of sentences / under the Rome Statute / and promote universality / in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Korean Ministry of Justice / and the prosecution / are also making significant efforts / to closely support the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) / of the ICC / in its investigations / especially in MLA cases, we are taking every effort to execute the requests of OTP

In addition, / the Ministry is considering sending experts, / including prosecutors and investigators, / to support ICC investigations.

As a State Party / to the Rome Statute, / I assure you / that the Republic of Korea remains fully committed / to cooperate with the ICC.

Thank you.