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Mr. Chair,

1. I have the honor to deliver these remarks on behalf of the delegation of Uganda.
2. I would like to thank Ambassador Paul van den Ijssel (Netherlands) and Ambassador Michael Imran Kanu (Sierra Leone), and the ad country focal points Bangladesh, Chile and Poland for the tremendous work done on the review mechanism.
3. Since its appointment, the Review Mechanism has carried out the mandates of the nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first sessions and twenty-second session. I take this opportunity to commend the Review Mechanism on its work and for convening this plenary during the 23rd ASP.
4. We note with appreciation the work done by the other Assembly Mandates, the Court Organs, and Independent Offices on the IER recommendations, particularly on the implementation of the positively assessed recommendations.
5. Excellencies, we have before us three draft resolutions of the review mechanism for adoption on implementation of a Tenure policy, the moratorium on the recruitment of staff of non-States Parties and the Review of the International Criminal Court and the Rome Statute system
6. We request the Assembly and the Bureau to continue engaging with the Court to identify ways to improve equitable geographical representation and gender balance in professional posts.

7. We would like the record to reflect that the draft resolutions of the review mechanism which are to be adopted during the 23rd session of the ASP are not in any way impeding us from continued discussion the critical issue of the review mechanism topics like the recruitment of staff and GRGB going forward. Uganda remains concerned that many nationals from non-state parties continue to be recruited which in most cases has meant ignoring the consistent requests from states parties recommendations on recruiting non-states parties.
8. We urge all member States to reflect on the trend that is emerging in the recruitment of staff of the court and to re-evaluate the responsibility we have as states parties to make sure that we work collegially with the court. We will also do our part in reflecting on these issues, including on the impact that this might have in the implementation of the resolutions.
9. With regards to the resolution on tenure, we note that the African group throughout the negotiations consistently raised concerns about how the tenure system would impact GRGB especially at the management levels. We are still concerned that the issues raised by the African state parties are not fully reflected in the current draft resolution. While we have joined consensus, we will closely monitor the implementation of tenure and its impact on GRGB, and we look forward to a comprehensive review of the tenure system after 7 years”
10. It is important, for the credibility, legitimacy, and universality of the ICC as an international Court, that its senior management reflects the diverse geographic and gender character of its constituents. The implementation of the resolutions of the review mechanism should be to have every member state party represented in the organization; and to achieve greater regional diversity by reducing the proportion of the most highly represented regional

group and to increase the proportion of the less represented regional groups, thereby reducing the overall imbalance.

11. Finally, let me state that Uganda is ready to support the adoption of the resolutions and once again we commend the co-chairs of the Review Mechanism and the ad-country focal points for their commitment to this cause.

12. As I conclude, allow me to appreciate the guidance and support of my brother Nigel, Kenya for coordinating the African group in the Hague and his consistent push for the African group in the three resolutions of the review mechanism.

I thank you.