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Greece fully subscribes to the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union.

Greece also welcomes this timely thematic debate as a unique opportunity to reiterate our unwavering support to the International Criminal Court, the world's only permanent judicial institution mandated to investigate and prosecute the gravest international crimes, and its work.

As stated in the report on the activities of the International Criminal Court, the intersessional period was particularly active for the Court. Indeed, the latter underwent a heavy workload spanning among sixteen situations in four different continents. Significant progress was made in relation to pre-trial, trial and appeal proceedings as well as in relation to preliminary examinations and investigations conducted by the Office of the Prosecutor. We would like, once again, to express our gratitude to the elected officials of the Court and its staff for their determination and commitment and assure them of our continuing and steadfast support.

At the same time, notable developments took place regarding the reparations proceedings in several cases and the implementation of reparations orders by the Trust Fund for Victims. In this respect, Greece is pleased to announce that we are preparing our second voluntary contribution to the Trust Fund for Victims.

Despite the ever-growing demand for the work of the Court in many regions of the world, the intersessional period was unfortunately marked by new attempts to interfere with the work of the Court and seriously undermine the fulfilment of its mandate as an independent and impartial institution. Together with other States Parties to the Rome Statute, Greece has expressed in several occasions its deepest concern for these attempts which put in danger the pursuit of accountability for the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole. The Court should be left to fulfil its mandate independently and impartially in accordance with its statutory parameters.

Furthermore, we would like to seize this opportunity to express our solidarity to the officials and the staff of the Court and commend them for their courage and their resilience. We also want to praise the Registrar for his relentless efforts to mitigate the impact of these measures on the functioning of the Court and ensure the continuity of its operations.

It goes without saying that the cooperation of States with the Court is vital for its effective and efficient functioning. In this respect, we call on all States Parties to the Rome Statute to fulfil their legal obligations to cooperate with the Court. Non-cooperation severely impacts on the ability of the Court to exercise its functions and powers under its Statute and accountability risks being delayed or denied. We also call on all other States to establish a cooperative relationship with the Court and support its work.

Equally important is the necessity to provide the Court with the necessary financial resources in order to allow it to deal effectively with its increased

workload and the multi-faceted challenges it currently faces. We, therefore, urge all States Parties to engage constructively in this year's budget discussions on the basis of the proposal made by the Committee on Budget and Finance.

Despite relevant efforts by various stakeholders, several regions of the world still remain outside the jurisdictional reach of the Court. Greece continues to support the universality of the Rome Statute and encourages all States which have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the Rome Statute and to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the ICC. All victims of the most heinous international crimes deserve justice and accountability. We also invite those States Parties that have recently announced their intention to withdraw from the Rome Statute to reconsider this decision.

Finally, with regard to the Special Session on the review of the amendments on the crime of aggression which was held last July in New York, we express our satisfaction for the constructive engagement of the participants and the consensual commitment to strengthening the Court's jurisdiction over the crime of aggression. We also welcome the recent establishment of the dedicated subgroup and we stand ready to actively engage in the relevant discussions.