

STATEMENT TO THE 24TH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES

PARTIES TO THE ROME STATUTE

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Madame President,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

1.0 I am honoured to take the floor and deliver a statement on behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania on this 24th session of the Assembly of States Parties.

1.1 At the outset, permit me to recognize the consistent commitment that you, the two Vice-Presidents, the Bureau and its working groups, as well as the Secretariat, have demonstrated in enabling the Court to meet its obligations. The tireless efforts in ensuring that the Assembly continues to fulfil its vital oversight role, is commendable.

1.2 My delegation also wishes to pay tribute to the the Kingdom of the Netherlands as Host Country, for its continued commitment, in providing an enabling environment that fosters effective functioning of the Court.

Madame President,

2.0 TRUST FUND FOR VICTIMS

2.1 My delegation welcomes the Report of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV). We acknowledge the progress made by the Fund this year and applaud significant steps taken in advancing reparations, including expanded implementation of court-ordered measures and assistance programmes that directly restore dignity and hope to victims. The achievements as reflected in the reports, demonstrated remarkable impact that reaffirm the central message of the Rome Statute—that justice must be meaningful to those who have suffered most.

2.2 We also acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the States and donors who continue to contribute to the Fund. Their commitment ensures that legal decisions translate into real healing for individuals and communities affected by atrocity crimes.

2.3 We encourage all States Parties to continue supporting the Fund so it may effectively meet the growing needs of victims. With sustained solidarity and resources, the Trust Fund can deepen its impact and uphold the promise of meaningful justice under the Rome Statute.

Madame President,

3.0 UNIVERSALITY, GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION AND GENDER BALANCE (GRGB)

3.1 The United Republic of Tanzania reiterates its strong support for universality of the Rome Statute. We commend the Geographical Representation and Gender Balance working group for its outreach efforts, including to regions in Africa and other under-represented States Parties.

3.2 While commending the court for steps taken to improve geographical representation and workplace culture, my delegation encourages both the

Court and the Assembly to intensify these efforts through targeted outreach, recruitment from under-represented States Parties, career-development support, and transparent reporting to close the gap and ensure that the Court's composition reflects the full diversity of the international community it serves.

Madame President,

4.0 SPECIAL SESSION ON THE KAMPALA AMENDMENTS

4.1 The United Republic of Tanzania takes note of the successful convening of the Special Session in July to discuss the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression.

4.2 My delegation also welcomes the work of the Working Group on Amendments throughout 2025 and commends the constructive spirit shown by all delegations during the review of the Kampala Amendments. We particularly appreciate the establishment of a dedicated sub-group following the Special Session, tasked with advancing the review process and reporting annually to the Assembly.

4.3 The structured approach adopted this year for continued consultations, including the exchange of technical views, legal analysis, and draft proposals strengthens understanding among all States Parties and provides the clarity necessary for informed national consideration. We view this as a valuable foundation for future progress.

4.4 We look forward to engaging in the work of the sub-group and to the developments expected ahead of the follow-up session in 2027, confident that this process will support a balanced and inclusive outcome for the benefit of the entire Rome Statute community.

Madame President,

5.0 BUDGET

5.1 Tanzania commends the Court for presenting a budget with a modest increase for the coming year, reflecting sensitivity to the financial constraints faced by many States Parties. We welcome the efforts of all stakeholders, including the recommendations of the Committee on Budget and Finance, in promoting efficient and prudent management of resources. Building on that, we encourage continued ensuring that available resources are directed effectively to support the Court's core functions and priorities.

Madame President,

6.0 WORKING CULTURE – IOM REPORT

6.1 My delegation takes note of the recent Independent Oversight Mechanism report on working culture within the Court. We welcome the Court's commitment to improving its internal environment, including measures addressing workplace conduct, staff well-being, and prevention of harassment. A healthy, respectful and accountable working culture is essential for the credibility and effectiveness of the Court. Tanzania encourages continued implementation of IOM's recommendations as it believes, improving institutional culture strengthens, both staff performance and public trust in the Court.

Madame President,

7.0 CHALLENGES FACING THE COURT

7.1 The United Republic of Tanzania expresses its understanding for the difficult circumstances under which the Court has continued to operate and acknowledges the professionalism with which its judicial officers and staff have carried out their responsibilities.

7.2 Drawing from discussions held within the working group of the Bureau, we encourage continued constructive engagement among all stakeholders, with a view to supporting the Court's stability, resilience, and commitment to the principles of the Rome Statute.

7.3 My delegation commends the Court for the swift response of its organs in mitigating potential disruptions caused by cyber security incidents. With the Special Fund for Security established, continued implementation of the measures in place, as well continued support of State Parties we believe, the threats we face be successfully overcome.

Madame President,

8.0 Conclusion

Madame President, in conclusion, the United Republic of Tanzania reaffirms its steadfast commitment to the Rome Statute and the work of the Court. We believe, the Court's strength depends on the continued support from States Parties and the trust of the International Community. Together, through dialogue and cooperation, we can ensure the Court remains a trusted pillar of international justice.

I thank you Madame President.