



## Concept note

### Plenary session on cooperation at the 22nd session of the Assembly of States Parties

8 December 2023

11:30 - 13:00

#### Reflections on 25 years of cooperation

As conceived by the Rome Statute, the International Criminal Court is a judicial institution whose effectiveness is, to a large extent, dependent on the cooperation of all parties concerned, mainly States and international organizations. This is precisely what gives cooperation issues a very particular and continuing importance that must be treated with rigor and responsibility.

The Assembly of States Parties has identified several priorities in this area, including the execution of arrest warrants, voluntary cooperation, cooperation in financial investigations and freezing of assets, the domestic implementation of the Rome Statute, cooperation with international organizations, as well as public and diplomatic support.

The plenary of 8 December 2023 aims, in addition to continuing the general mobilization of States in favour of strengthening cooperation with the Court, to review the last twenty-five years of cooperation and the central theme of arrests.

#### **Segment I: High-level interventions on 25 years of the Rome Statute (assessment and perspectives)**

In the spirit of previous resolutions relating to cooperation, resolution ICC-ASP/21/Res.3, adopted by the Assembly of States Parties on 9 December 2022, encourages States to commit to strengthening their cooperation with the ICC, through the conclusion of agreements or arrangements, or by any other relevant means.

This segment aims in particular to create a framework allowing the various organs of the Court to present their views on the first 25 years of the Court, by

highlighting in particular their understanding of the crucial issues which concern all actors in the field of cooperation and by highlighting their needs and expectations in this area.

As part of this segment, Belgium will have the opportunity to share its experience in the field of voluntary cooperation agreements. Other interested participants could also intervene on this point in order to share their views.

## **Segment II: Technical interventions relating to arrests (achievements and perspectives)**

One of the other priorities for cooperation with the ICC concerns arrests.

Resolution ICC-ASP/21/Res.3 also underlines the crucial nature of effective cooperation in this area. With this in mind, States are invited to establish and improve mechanisms and procedures to support the Court.

This second segment aims to give the floor to experts from the Court, States and civil society, so that they can share their observations and experiences regarding the issue of arrests.

Other interested participants will also have the opportunity to intervene in this segment.

### **Format (1h30)**

**Participants wishing to speak will be able to register on a list, specifying the segment concerned. Given the limited time, each intervention cannot exceed two minutes.<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> Registration requests must be sent to the Secretariat before the end of Wednesday, 6 December 2023, to the following address: [iccaspcoperation@gmail.com](mailto:iccaspcoperation@gmail.com), and copied to: [juridique.la-haye-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:juridique.la-haye-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr). Unfortunately, inscriptions after this date will not be taken into consideration. Participants will be inscribed on the speakers list on a first come, first served basis.