

## **UK Intervention on Cooperation**

Thank you Ambassador for giving me the floor.

The Court relies on the cooperation of its States Parties to carry out its mandate in full. As a strong supporter of the Court, the UK has been pleased to assist. This has included practical support to the OTP in relation to a number of investigations and preliminary examinations.

As State Parties, we must also take our share of responsibility for protecting witnesses and enforcing sentences. The UK entered into a cooperation agreement with the Court on the protection of witnesses in 2004. Since then we have implemented a multi-agency approach to ensure that requests are dealt with promptly, including by designating a central point of contact for receiving and dealing with requests for assistance. We meet regularly with the ICC on cooperation issues.

The UK also entered into a sentence enforcement agreement in 2007. We currently serve as the enforcement state for a custodial sentence imposed by the Court. .

We remain ready to share our experiences with other States who are considering entering into a voluntary agreement with the ICC.

I thank you.