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Statement by the League for Peace, Human Rights and Justice (LIPADHOJ) to the 20th Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The League for Peace, Human Rights and Justice (LIPADHOJ), a member of the Coalition for the ICC, has been accompanying the ICC in its objectives of a fair and effective court in the fight against impunity since 2006. It is especially interested in the situation of victims and affected communities with whom it lives and understands better. This allows it to be always very attentive and watchful on all the issues that affect the rights of victims and affected communities.

It is in this context that, in our observations addressed to the ICC, pursuant to the Chamber's July 15, 2016 Order under Rule 103 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, the issue of reparation has often taken pride of place.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At present, reparation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the country of the first ICC cases, suffers from a lack of sufficient staff to serve the Fund for the benefit of victims, the lack of resources that meet the expectations of victims and affected communities, and the lack of sufficient numbers of Fund partners to implement reparation projects and assistance programs. In addition, there is the ever-increasing insecurity with a long list of new victims of international crimes as if the ICC had never intervened in this part of the country. This situation significantly diminishes the trust of victims and affected communities in the work of the ICC, so that, out of desperation, they join the camps of violence.

These challenges are the result of serious problems with the operating resources allocated to the ICC, which do not keep up with its ever-increasing responsibilities.

Thus, for a better visibility and especially for more efficiency and credibility to the ICC's actions for the benefit of victims and affected communities, we invite the Assembly and all its States Parties to strengthen its support to the ICC in

these first experiences of reparation in the DRC, by providing sufficient means to support the Fund in its programs.

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For LIPADHOJ

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