



Spain would like to confirm its active and constructive engagement in the Review exercise as a unique opportunity to achieve better accomplishment of governance and effectiveness with the goal to strengthen and to improve the performance of the Court and the Rome Statute System.

For Spain, the analysis is based on a consideration of the ICC in its dual nature: as an international criminal court and as an International Organization.

In the first sphere, Spain considers that the organs of the Court should play a prominent role, within the space of independence and autonomy conferred by the Rome Statute. Therefore, following the specific indications of the Report, the organs of the Court should use this space to evaluate and implement as soon as possible those recommendations that are clearly within their range of competence.

On the other hand, in the second sphere, that of the Court as an International Organization, the Assembly of States Parties should certainly be involved and, unquestionably, in issues that would require legal amendments or that would have any budgetary implication.

In cases where the line may not be clear-cut, Spain understands that the existing platforms for dialogue would play an important role.

Spain's approach is pragmatic and constructive and in favor of achieving an early harvest in this process in the perspective of the next Assembly in terms of improving governance and effectiveness. Concrete results, where possible, would contribute to reinforcing the System and project an image of a strong and independent Court and a mature and transparent Organization.