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PASP statement on Guatemala accession to the Rome Statute (2 April 2012)

As President of the Assembly of States Parties, I earnestly congratulate the Government and the people of Guatemala for becoming the 121st State Party to the Rome Statute.

Guatemala was an active participant in the entire process of negotiations that led to the adoption of the Rome Statute, as well as of the subsequent discussions on numerous ICC topics, including the negotiations on the crime of aggression and in the preparations for the Kampala Review Conference.

The people of Guatemala are, as of the entry into force of the Statute's provisions on 1 July, protected by the normative regime of the ICC. Bearing in mind the memories of a difficult and not so distant past, the accession by Guatemala is a testament to the will and steadfast determination of its people and its leaders to strengthen the rule of law and to contribute to the international endeavour to end impunity for egregious crimes.

The Assembly welcomes Guatemala and hopes that this step will be emulated in the region and beyond.
