

Resolution ICC-ASP/24/Res.6

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Strengthening the International Criminal Court and the Assembly of States Parties

The Assembly of States Parties,

Mindful that each individual State has the responsibility to protect its population from the crime of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, that the conscience of humanity continues to be deeply shocked by unimaginable atrocities in various parts of the world, and that the need to prevent and the duty to end the most serious crimes of concern to the international community to put an end to the impunity of the perpetrators of such crimes is now widely acknowledged,

Recognizing that the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression threaten the peace, security and well-being of the world, and *affirming* that these crimes must not go unpunished,

Convinced that the International Criminal Court (“the Court”) is an essential means of ending impunity for such crimes and preventing their recurrence, of promoting respect for international humanitarian law and human rights, thus contributing to freedom, security, justice and the rule of law, as well as to the prevention of armed conflicts, the preservation of peace and the strengthening of international security and the advancement of post-conflict peacebuilding and reconciliation with a view to achieving sustainable peace, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Convinced also that justice and peace are complementary and mutually reinforce each other, in this regard, *encouraging* societies facing conflicts to move from war to peace through peaceful solutions,

Recalling the full range of justice and reconciliation mechanisms with restorative measures that are complementary to criminal justice processes, including truth and reconciliation commissions, national reparations programmes and institutional and legal reforms, including guarantees of non-recurrence,

Welcoming the commitments to strengthen efforts to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies for sustainable development, to provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels, and to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms,¹

Convinced that justice and the fight against impunity and holding to account the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community and persons criminally responsible under the Rome Statute are, and must remain, indivisible and that in this regard universal adherence to the Rome Statute is essential,

Welcoming the Court’s central role as the only permanent international criminal court within an evolving system of international criminal justice and the contribution of the Court to guarantee lasting respect for and the enforcement of international justice,

Recognizing that victims’ rights to equal and effective access to justice, protection and support; adequate and prompt reparation for harm suffered; and access to relevant information concerning violations and redress mechanisms are essential components of justice, emphasizing the importance of effective outreach to victims and affected communities in order to give effect to the unique mandate of the Court towards victims and

¹ United Nations General Assembly resolution 79/1 of 22 September 2024.

determined to ensure the effective implementation of victims' rights, which constitute a cornerstone of the Rome Statute system, and emphasizing the essential role of the Trust Fund for Victims to help make the Court's justice a reality for victims,

Recalling the primary responsibility of national jurisdictions to investigate and prosecute the most serious crimes of international concern and the increased need for cooperation in ensuring that national legal systems are capable of investigating and prosecuting such crimes,

Reaffirming its commitment to the Rome Statute and its determination that the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole must not go unpunished, and *underlining* the importance of the willingness and ability of States to genuinely investigate and prosecute such crimes,

Welcoming the efforts and achievements of the Court in bringing those most responsible for the crimes under the Rome Statute to justice and thus to contribute to the prevention of such crimes and *noting* the jurisprudence of the Court on the issue of complementarity,

Welcoming also in this regard relevant contributions from the Court relating to gender-based crimes² as well as from States Parties and other relevant actors, and *convinced* that these initiatives should be an integral part of strategic dialogues and actions to strengthen the Court and national courts in the fight against impunity, while fully respecting their judicial independence,

Recalling that the application of articles 17, 18 and 19 of the Rome Statute concerning the admissibility of cases before the Court is a judicial matter to be determined by the judges of the Court,

Recalling also that greater consideration should be given to how the Court will complete its activities in a situation country,

Recognizing that crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court threaten the peace, security and well-being of the world and, in consequence, that these are values protected by the Rome Statute,

Underscoring its respect for the independence and impartiality of the Court and its commitment to ensuring respect for and the implementation of the Court's judicial decisions and delivering justice to victims equally,

Recalling the statement by the President of the Security Council of 12 February 2013 in which the Council stated its intention to continue fighting impunity, reiterated its previous call regarding the importance of State cooperation with the Court in accordance with the respective obligations of States and expressed its commitment to effective follow-up of Council decisions in this regard,

Recalling also the decision by the Assembly of States Parties ("the Assembly") to establish a representation of the Court at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, and *reiterating* that such presence would promote dialogue with the Court and the understanding of its mission within the African Union and among African States, individually and collectively,

Welcoming the Report of the Court on the desirability and feasibility of establishing regional representations to promote dialogue, cooperation, complementarity, universality and promotion of the Rome Statute submitted by the Registrar,³

Reaffirming the importance of States Parties' cooperation with the Court to the fulfilment of its mandate and *gravely concerned* by the repeated attempts at intimidation to deter cooperation with the Court and its officials,

Gravely concerned by the heightened threat of malicious cyber activity directed at the Court and its Information Technology infrastructure in 2025 and *welcoming* the quick response of the Court to these incidents, reflective of concrete efforts to increase cyber security undertaken by the Court following the serious cyber incident of 2023 and *acknowledges* that the Court's continued efforts to build resilience and reduce vulnerabilities

² <https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/2023-12/2023-policy-gender-en-web.pdf>.

³ CBF/44/17.

through the development of a comprehensive Security Blueprint for the Court's future Information Technology architecture,

Appreciating the invaluable assistance that has been provided by civil society to the Court and *gravely concerned* by the recent reports of sanctions, attacks, threats and intimidation directed at some civil society organizations and those cooperating with the Court, *reaffirming* that the engagement of victims and civil society with the Court and their contribution to its work is indispensable,

Welcoming the continued efforts undertaken by the Bureau and its working groups to identify ways to strengthen the International Criminal Court and the Rome Statute system through concrete, actionable recommendations aimed at enhancing the performance, efficiency and effectiveness of the Court,

Emphasizing the importance of equitable geographical representation and gender balance in the organs of the Court and, as appropriate, in the work of the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies and *emphasizing also* the need to promote diversity, and especially the participation of women, in the work of the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies,

Emphasizing the importance for the Court to conduct its work in both its working languages, as well as in other official languages, if authorized according to rule 41 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, which can contribute to ensuring victims' right to justice,

Conscious of the vital role of field operations in the Court's work in situation countries, of the risks faced by personnel of the Court in the field and the importance of stakeholders working together to create suitable conditions for field operations, so *noting with appreciation* the work carried out by country offices,

Recalling that the Court acts within the constraints of an annual programme budget approved by the Assembly,

1. *Reconfirms* its unwavering support for the Court as an independent and impartial judicial institution, *reiterates* its commitment to uphold and defend the principles and values enshrined in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court⁴ ("the Rome Statute") and to preserve its integrity undeterred by any threats or measures against the Court, its officials and those cooperating with it, and *renews* its resolve to stand united against impunity;
2. *Underlines* that the Court, its officials and staff shall be able to carry out their mandate and professional duties without intimidation; and *condemns* any threats, attacks, incitement or interference thereto, including sanctions or measures of a similar effect, against the Court, its personnel or those cooperating with it, including civil society;
3. *Further underlines* that attacks, threats and sanctions or measures of a similar effect against Court officials, United Nations independent experts, and civil society organizations, present a significant challenge to the Court's mandate and the global fight against impunity, including access to justice for victims, and *calls for* the lifting of such measures, and *urges* States Parties and stakeholders to undertake, without delay, in line with domestic law, measures in support of the Court, its personnel, and those cooperating with it;
4. *Takes note* of the Statement by the Court of 20 August 2025, and the Statement by the Presidency of the Assembly of 21 August 2025, and *gravely concerned* by any attempts to retaliate against an official of the Court on account of duties performed by that or another official and any attempts to impede, intimidate or corruptly influence an official of the Court for the purpose of forcing or persuading the official not to perform, or to perform improperly, his or her duties, and *recalls* that such threats may constitute an offence against the administration of justice under article 70 of the Rome Statute;
5. *Reaffirms* its support for the consistent implementation of the Court's mandate across the situations and cases under its jurisdiction in the interests of justice and the victims' right of access to justice, and *stresses* the need for sustainable resources for all situations and cases as well as cooperation with the Court to that end;

⁴ <https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/2024-05/Rome-Statute-eng.pdf>.

A. Universality of the Rome Statute

6. *Welcomes* the State that has joined the Rome Statute since the twenty-third session, *invites* States not yet parties to the Rome Statute to become parties to the Rome Statute, as amended, as soon as possible and *calls upon* all States Parties, all international and regional organizations, and civil society to intensify their efforts to promote the universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute;

7. *Invites* also all States Parties not yet parties to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court, to become parties to this Agreement;

8. *Appreciates* the engagement by the Court with all stakeholders including non-States Parties to promote the universality of the Rome Statute, and *encourages* the continuation of such engagement, with full respect for the mandate of the Court and its independence;

9. *Notes with deep regret* the notification of withdrawal from the Rome Statute submitted by a State Party under article 127(1) effected on 2 June 2025, and *calls upon* this State to reconsider the withdrawal;⁵

10. *Welcomes with appreciation* also the continuation by the President of the Assembly of the dialogue on the “Relationship between Africa and the International Criminal Court” initiated by the Bureau during the fifteenth session of the Assembly and *invites* the Bureau to further widen and deepen this dialogue as needed with all interested States Parties;

11. *Welcomes* the initiatives undertaken to celebrate 17 July as the Day of International Criminal Justice⁶ and *recommends* that, on the basis of lessons learnt, all relevant stakeholders, together with the Court, continue to engage in preparation of appropriate activities and share information with other stakeholders to that effect through the Secretariat of the Assembly⁷ and otherwise;

12. *Decides* to keep the status of ratifications under review and to monitor developments in the field of implementing legislation, *inter alia* with a view to facilitating the provision of technical assistance that States Parties to the Rome Statute, or States wishing to become parties thereto, may wish to request from other States Parties or institutions in relevant areas, and *calls upon* States to annually provide the Secretariat of the Assembly with updated information about actions and activities in support of international justice, as per the Plan of Action of the Assembly of States Parties for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (“Plan of Action”);⁸

13. *Recalls* that the ratification of the Rome Statute must be matched by national implementation of the obligations emanating therefrom, notably through implementing legislation, in particular in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedural law, and international cooperation and judicial assistance with the Court and, in this regard, *urges* States Parties to the Rome Statute that have not yet done so to adopt such implementing legislation as a priority and *encourages* the adoption of victims-related provisions, as and when appropriate;

14. *Welcomes* the report of the Bureau on the Plan of action⁹ and *notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Court’s President, the Office of the Prosecutor, the President of the Assembly, the Assembly, States Parties and civil society to enhance the effectiveness of universality-related efforts and to encourage States to become parties to the Rome Statute, as amended, and to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court, as well as relevant efforts undertaken in the framework of the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council;

15. *Recalls* rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, and *underscores* the importance of promoting the universality of the Rome Statute and of strengthening the openness and transparency of the Assembly;

⁵ Depositary Notification C.N.225.2025.TREATIES-XVIII.10, see at: <https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/CN/2025/CN.225.2025-Eng.pdf>.

⁶ Official Records of the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Kampala, 32 May to 11 June 2010 (RC/11), part II.B, Kampala declaration (RC/Decl.1), para 12.

⁷ See at: <https://asp.icc-cpi.int/asp-events/ICJD/default>.

⁸ ICC-ASP/5/Res.3, annex I, para. 6(h).

⁹ ICC-ASP/24/27.

16. *Also recalls* the processes and initiatives carried out on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute and *takes note* of their outcomes, including the “Siracusa Declaration on ensuring consistent and sustainable support for the International Criminal Court” and the “Ethical Principles for International Criminal Judges”;

B. Agreement on Privileges and Immunities

17. *Welcomes* the States Parties that have become a party to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court and *calls* upon States Parties, as well as non-States Parties that have not yet done so to become parties to this Agreement as a matter of priority, and to implement it effectively in their domestic legal system,

- (a) *noting* that the Agreement serves as an important framework for the protection of the Court and its elected officials, staff of the Court, counsel and persons assisting defence counsel;
- (b) *reiterating* the obligations of States Parties to respect on their territories such privileges and immunities of the Court as are necessary for the fulfilment of its purposes;
- (c) *appealing* to all States which are not party to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities in which the Court’s property and assets are located or through which such property and assets are transported, to protect the property and assets of the Court from search, seizure, requisition and any other form of interference;

18. *Recalls* that the Agreement, in line with and international practice, exempts salaries, emoluments and allowances paid by the Court to its officials and staff from national taxation, and in this regard and to take the necessary legislative or other action, pending their ratification or accession, to exempt their nationals employed by the Court from national income taxation with respect to salaries, emoluments and allowances paid to them by the Court, or to grant relief in any other manner from income taxation in respect of such payments to their nationals;

C. Cooperation

19. *Refers* to its resolution ICC-ASP/24/Res... on cooperation;

20. *Calls upon* States Parties to comply with their obligations under the Rome Statute, in particular the obligation to cooperate in accordance with Part 9, and *also calls upon* States Parties to ensure full and effective cooperation with the Court in accordance with the Rome Statute, in particular in the areas of implementing constitutional and legislative framework, enforcement of Court decisions and execution of arrest warrants;

21. *Reaffirms* the importance of supporting all those cooperating with the Court, including States and relevant international bodies and entities, in order to secure the ability of the Court to fulfil its critical mandate of holding accountable perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community and delivering justice to victims;

22. *Calls upon* States Parties to continue to express their political and diplomatic support to the Court, *recalls* the sixty-six recommendations annexed to resolution ICC-ASP/6/Res.2 and *encourages* States Parties and the Court to consider further measures to enhance their implementation and to strengthen their efforts to ensure full and effective cooperation with the Court;

23. *Urges* States Parties, in the face of threats or coercive measures as a means of attempting to impede or influence the work of the Court, to give full effect and take relevant action to protect the ICC and its resilience, in line with the relevant provisions of the Rome Statute¹⁰ and, as appropriate, the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court¹¹ concerning the privileges and immunities of elected officials, staff of the Court, counsel and persons assisting defence counsel, including their immunity which shall continue to be accorded after the expiry of their terms of office, termination of

¹⁰ Article 48, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

¹¹ Article 15, paragraph 1, article 16, paragraph 1 (b) and article 18, paragraph 1 (b), of the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court.

their employment with the Court or cessation of their functions, and to take any action if deemed necessary by the security or other assessment made by a State Party, in accordance with the existing legal framework, to ensure their security, safety and protection against any undue hindrance created by such coercive measures;

24. *Takes note* of the Court's Guidelines on the protection of former officials against coercive measures, prepared pursuant to paragraph 22 of resolution ICC-ASP/22/Res.3 and its annex I, as a means to facilitate the Court's engagement with States Parties on this subject, and *also takes note* of the suggested actions contained therein to protect elected officials against such coercive measures, and the need to adopt such actions, where appropriate;

25. *Takes note* of the Court's Concept Note on "Protection as Cooperation", which aims to provide guidance to States Parties regarding concrete actions to be considered, where appropriate, to ensure the Court's continued ability to carry out its mandate and safeguard its independence and resilience, notwithstanding the wide range of external pressures currently faced by it;

26. *Reaffirms* the incompatibility of the consequences of coercive measures against the Court with States Parties' obligations under the Rome Statute, the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Court, and the Headquarters Agreement;

27. *Welcomes* the Court's report and comprehensive presentation on cooperation,¹² which contained disaggregated data over the responses provided by States Parties, including highlighting the main challenges;

28. *Underlines* the necessity to continue the discussions on practical solutions to improve cooperation between States and the Court with a view to enhancing prospects for the implementation of pending arrest warrants;

29. *Recalls* that international cooperation and judicial assistance are governed by Part 9 (articles 86 to 102) of the Rome Statute;

30. *Underlines* the necessity to continue the discussions between the co-facilitators on cooperation and the focal points on non-cooperation and the Court;

31. *Welcomes* the plenary session on cooperation held during the twenty-fourth session of the Assembly, which offered an opportunity for an enhanced dialogue between States Parties, the Court and members of civil society on the manner in which cooperation can help the Court to address the challenges it is facing; discussions also highlighted ways in which States Parties can strengthen their support to the Court, in particular by helping it to arrest suspects as well as protect witnesses and victims, the latter needing assistance and deserving reparations; an urgent appeal for donation to the Trust Fund for Victims was launched;

32. *Underlines* the importance of effective procedures and mechanisms that enable States Parties and other States to cooperate with the Court in relation to the identification, tracing and freezing or seizure of proceeds, property and assets as expeditiously as possible, and *calls on* all States Parties to put in place and further improve effective procedures and mechanisms in this regard, with a view to facilitating cooperation between the Court, States Parties, other States and international organizations;

33. *Recalls* the importance of the non-legally binding Declaration of Paris on asset recovery annexed to resolution ICC-ASP/16/Res.2 and the existence of the secured digital platform for States Parties to exchange relevant information on cooperation and financial investigations and assets recovery;

34. *Recalls* the Procedures relating to non-cooperation adopted by the Assembly in ICC-ASP/10/Res.5 and revised by the Assembly in resolution ICC-ASP/17/Res.5, *recognizes with concern* the negative impact that the non-execution of Court requests continues to have on the ability of the Court to execute its mandate, and *takes note* of the past decisions of the Court on non-cooperation;

35. *Also recalls* the Toolkit for the implementation of the informal dimension of the Assembly procedures relating to non-cooperation,¹³ which was revised as annex III to

¹² ICC-ASP/24/9

¹³ ICC-ASP/15/31, Add.1, annex II.

ICC-ASP/17/31 and *encourages* States Parties to make use of it as they see fit in order to improve the implementation of the Assembly procedures relating to non-cooperation;

36. *Takes note* of the report of the Bureau on non-cooperation,¹⁴ *welcomes* the efforts of the President of the Assembly in implementing the Assembly procedures relating to non-cooperation and *recalls* that the President serves ex officio as focal point for his or her region,¹⁵ *calls upon* all stakeholders, at all levels, to continue assisting the President of the Assembly, including when accomplishing his or her task with the support of the regional focal points for non-cooperation;

37. *Takes note* of the 24 July 2025 finding on the non-compliance by Hungary of the Pre-Trial Chamber I in the situation in the State of Palestine;¹⁶

38. *Urges* States Parties to engage in good faith in timely, effective consultations with the Court in accordance with article 97 of the Rome Statute, with a view to resolving problems which may impede or prevent the execution of the Court's requests under Part 9 of the Rome Statute;

39. *Welcomes* the first plenary session on non-cooperation held during the twenty-fourth session of the Assembly of States Parties, which offered an opportunity for consideration of non-cooperation issues arising during the inter-sessional period and dialogue between States Parties, the Court and civil society, with a particular focus on prevention of non-compliance through timely and effective consultations in accordance with article 97, and the Assembly procedures relating to non-cooperation;

40. *Recalls* the role of the Assembly of States Parties and the Security Council with respect to non-cooperation as provided for by articles 87, paragraph 5, and 87, paragraph 7, of the Rome Statute, and *welcomes* the efforts of States Parties to strengthen the relationship between the Court and the Council;

41. *Calls upon* States Parties to continue their efforts to ensure that the Security Council addresses the communications received from the Court on non-cooperation pursuant to the Rome Statute, *encourages* the President of the Assembly and the Bureau to continue consulting with the Security Council and *also encourages* both the Assembly and the Security Council to strengthen their mutual engagement on this matter;

42. *Encourages* the authorities in Sudan to effectively cooperate with the Court in accordance with Security Council resolution 1593 (2005), while *expressing continued concern* about the military conflict that erupted in Sudan on 15 April 2023;

43. *Noting* the past orders of the Pre-Trial Chamber to the Registrar concerning action to be taken in case of information relating to travel of suspects, *urges* States to share with the focal points on non-cooperation any information concerning potential or confirmed travel of persons against whom an arrest warrant has been issued;

D. Host State

43. *Recognizes* the importance of the relationship between the Court and the host State in accordance with the terms of the Headquarters Agreement and *notes with appreciation* the on-going commitment of the host State to the Court with a view to its more efficient functioning;

E. Relationship with the United Nations

44. *Recognizes* the need for enhancing the institutional dialogue with the United Nations, including on Security Council referrals and on questions considered by the Security Council and other situations involving the maintenance of international peace and security which are subject to the jurisdiction of the Court;

45. *Welcomes* the twice-yearly reports of the Prosecutor on the situations referred by the United Nations Security Council pursuant to resolutions 1593 (2005) and 1970 (2011), and

¹⁴ ICC-ASP/24/33.

¹⁵ ICC-ASP/11/29, para. 12.

¹⁶ ICC-01/18-462, of 24 July 2025.

noting the Prosecutor's repeated requests for effective Security Council follow-up, *recognizes* the efforts of some members of the Security Council in this regard, reiterates its deep concern by the on-going lack of effective follow-up despite these efforts, and *urges* all members of the Security Council to support future such requests;

46. *Recognizes* that ratification or accession to the Rome Statute by members of the United Nations Security Council enhances joint efforts to combat impunity for the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole;

47. *Also recognizes* the Security Council's call regarding the importance of State cooperation with the Court and *encourages* further strengthening of the Security Council's relationship with the Court by:

- (a) providing effective follow-up of situations referred by the Council to the Court and on-going political support;
- (b) enabling financial support by the United Nations for expenses incurred by the Court due to referrals of the Council;
- (c) continued support for the work of the Court through cooperation and assistance by peacekeeping and special political missions mandated by the Council, including by considering extending best practices with respect to the drafting of mandates of peacekeeping operations while respecting their basic principles, and increased engagement between Sanctions Committees and the Court with a view to improving their cooperation and achieving better coordination on matters pertaining to areas of mutual concern;
- (d) considering mandating peacekeeping and special political missions to contribute, where appropriate, to the strengthening of national justice systems through training, outreach and other forms of assistance;
- (e) enhanced engagement by the Council with Court representatives and on matters related to the Court in various formats; and
- (f) institutionalizing Council cooperation with and support for the Court in this regard;

48. *Encourages* the Court to continue to exchange views with international courts and tribunals, while reiterating the independence of the Court;

49. *Recalls* the report of the Court on the status of on-going cooperation with the United Nations, including in the field;¹⁷

50. *Encourages* all United Nations Offices, Funds and Programmes to strengthen their cooperation with the Court, and to collaborate effectively with the Office of Legal Affairs as focal point for cooperation between the United Nations system and the Court;

51. *Recalls* article 4 of the Relationship Agreement between the Court and the United Nations, and *stresses* the continuing need to ensure the ability of the Court to fully exercise its capacity of Observer to the United Nations and its ability to interact and engage in dialogue with the United Nations, including through its attendance and participation as Observer in the activities of the United Nations General Assembly, and through the Court's officials' regular visits to the United Nations to provide briefings and updates on its activities;

52. *Commends* the important work of the New York Liaison Office of the Court, *reiterates* its full support for the Office and *stresses* the importance of the continued and further strengthening of the implementation of its functions in accordance with ICC-ASP/4/6, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4;

53. *Calls upon* Bureau members and other States Parties to continue providing States Parties with information about their efforts at the United Nations, and in particular at the Security Council, notably through regular briefings provided by the designated State Party member of the Security Council, as well as in any other international or regional fora to promote the fight against impunity;

¹⁷ ICC-ASP/12/42.

54. *Welcomes* the presentation of the annual report of the Court to the General Assembly of the United Nations¹⁸ and in particular its focus on the relationship between the Court and the United Nations, *also welcomes* the annual adoption of the resolution concerning the Court by the General Assembly, *encourages* States Parties to support the resolution and *also encourages* them to continue their constructive engagement with United Nations Member States to further strengthen this resolution;

55. *Notes with concern* that, to date, expenses incurred by the Court due to referrals by the Security Council continue to be borne exclusively by States Parties and *notes* that, to date, the approved budget allocated so far within the Court in relation to the referrals made by the Security Council amounts to approximately €116,516.9 million;¹⁹

56. *Stresses* that, if the United Nations is unable to provide funds for the Court to cover the expenses incurred due to referrals by the Security Council, this will, among other factors, continue to exacerbate resource pressure on the Court;

57. *Urges* States Parties to pursue, within the General Assembly of the United Nations, the implementation of article 115, paragraph (b), of the Rome Statute, also taking into account that article 13, paragraph 1, of the Relationship Agreement between the Court and the United Nations states that the conditions under which any funds may be provided to the Court by a decision of the General Assembly shall be subject to separate arrangements;

58. *Notes* that all cooperation received by the Court from the United Nations is provided strictly on a reimbursable basis;

F. Relationships with other international organizations and bodies

59. *Welcomes* the efforts undertaken by various regional and other international organizations to support the Court in the fulfilment of its mandate, as well as efforts of the Court to engage with various regional bodies and entities;

60. *Recalls* the memoranda of understanding and agreements on cooperation concluded by the Court with regional and other international organizations;

61. *Emphasizes* ongoing efforts aimed at intensifying dialogue with the African Union and to strengthen the relationship between the Court and the African Union and *welcomes* the Court's further regular engagement in Addis Ababa with the African Union and diplomatic missions in anticipation of establishing its liaison office, *recognizes* the engagement of the President of the Assembly with officials of the African Union in Addis Ababa and *calls upon* all relevant stakeholders to support strengthening the relationship between the Court and the African Union;

62. *Encourages* the Court to continue efforts to enable a frank and constructive dialogue between the Court and the African States Parties to the Rome Statute as a key measure to strengthen relations between the Court and its African partners and address challenges within the context of this relationship;

63. *Welcomes* the efforts to further the presence of the Court at meetings of regional organizations;

64. *Recalls* the obligation of the High Contracting Parties to undertake to respect and ensure respect for the Geneva Conventions and *also recalls* the contribution that the International Humanitarian Fact-finding Commission, established by article 90 of the Additional Protocol I to the 1949 Geneva Convention, could make in ascertaining facts related to alleged violations of international humanitarian law and facilitating, where appropriate, the prosecution of war crimes, both at the national level and before the Court;

G. Activities of the Court

65. *Takes note* of the latest report on the activities of the Court to the Assembly;²⁰

¹⁸ United Nations document A/80/342.

¹⁹ Report of the Registry on the Approximate Costs Allocated so far within the Court in Relation to Referrals by the Security Council (ICC-ASP/24/17), para. 6.

²⁰ ICC-ASP/24/11.

66. *Notes with satisfaction* the fact that, owing not least to the dedication of its staff, considerable progress continues to be made in the Court's activities, including its preliminary examinations, investigations and judicial proceedings in various situations which either States Parties or the United Nations Security Council²¹ referred to the Court or which the Prosecutor initiated *proprio motu*;

67. *Recalls* its invitation to the Court to continue to take note of best practices of other relevant international and national organizations, tribunals and mechanisms, including those gained by national institutions that have already investigated and prosecuted crimes that fall within the Court's jurisdiction, in solving challenges similar to those encountered by the Court, while reiterating its respect for the independence of the Court;

68. *Recognizes* the importance of achieving accountability for all Rome Statute crimes while recalling that there is no hierarchy between them, and *encourages* the Bureau to engage with interested States Parties and other relevant actors to identify ways to support the Court's efforts in this regard with respect to gender-based crimes that amount to Rome Statute crimes, with a view to reporting thereon to the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly;

69. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts undertaken by the Office of the Prosecutor to achieve the efficiency and transparency of its preliminary examinations, investigations and prosecutions;

70. *Welcomes* the publication of the Office of the Prosecutor's Policy papers on Environmental crimes and Cyber-Enabled Crimes under the Rome Statute and notes the continuous review by the Prosecutor of the various policy papers of the Office, with a view to consolidating and enhancing them where necessary; and invites States Parties to continue supporting consultative processes to further improve the work of the Office;

71. *Stresses* the importance of the effective investigation and prosecution of sexual and gender-based crimes and crimes against children by the Court and by national courts, in order to end impunity for perpetrators of such crimes, and *calls upon* States Parties to consider the Policy Papers to strengthen the investigation and prosecution of these crimes domestically;

72. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Office of the Prosecutor for consulting with States Parties and other stakeholders before the issuance of its policies and strategies and *welcomes* the contributions made by States Parties in this regard;

73. *Welcomes* the efforts undertaken by the Court to implement the One-Court principle, and to coordinate its activities among its organs at all levels, including through the implementation of measures to increase clarity on the responsibility of different organs, while respecting the independence of the judges and the Prosecutor and the neutrality of the Registry and encourages the Court to undertake all necessary efforts to fully implement the One-Court principle, inter alia with a view to ensuring full transparency, good governance, efficient use of financial resources and sound management;

74. *Welcomes* the issuance of the ICC Strategic Plan 2026-2029, which reflects the first integrated Strategic Plan developed by all organs of the Court together with the Trust Fund for Victims, and notes that its forward-looking vision is aimed at enhancing the effectiveness, coherence, and unity of purpose across all components of the Court and *also notes* that the Strategic Plan benefits from the views and comments from States Parties;

75. *Notes with appreciation* the continued efforts undertaken by the Registrar to mitigate the risks faced by the Court in relation to its field offices and to enhance the Court's field operations with a view to increasing their efficiency and visibility and *encourages* the Court to continue to optimize its field offices and activities in close cooperation with the United Nations, as appropriate, in order to ensure the Court's continued relevance and impact in States in which it carries out its work;

76. *Welcomes* the on-going efforts undertaken by the Court to improve its use of alternative sources of information and evidence as well as its capacities to this end, including in the field of financial investigations, *encourages* the Court to continue these efforts and *notes* the importance of providing the Court with the appropriate means for this purpose;

²¹ United Nations Security Council resolutions 1593 (2005) and 1970 (2011).

77. *Recognizes* the important work done by the field-based staff of the Court in difficult and complex environments and *expresses its appreciation* for their dedication to the mission of the Court;

78. *Emphasizes* the need for the Court to continue to improve and adapt outreach activities with a view to further developing and implementing effectively and efficiently the Strategic Plan for Outreach²² in affected countries, including, where appropriate, by early outreach from the outset of the Court's involvement, including during the preliminary examination stage;

79. *Recalls* that the issues of public information and communication about the Court, the Trust Fund for Victims and their activities constitute a shared responsibility of the Court and States Parties, while *acknowledging* the significant contribution of other stakeholders to developing a coordinated and comprehensive approach;

H. Elections

80. *Stresses* the importance of nominating and electing as judges qualified, competent and experienced persons of the highest quality and of high moral character, impartiality and integrity who possess the qualifications required in their respective States for appointment to the highest judicial offices, in accordance with article 36 of the Rome Statute, as well as the importance of elected judges who have made their solemn undertaking being available to take up their full-time service when the Court's workload so requires, and for this purpose, *encourages* States Parties to conduct thorough and transparent processes to identify the best candidates;

81. *Recalls* that the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges is mandated to facilitate that the highest-qualified individuals are elected as judges of the International Criminal Court in the manner foreseen in its Terms of Reference;

82. *Welcomes* the Guidelines on national-level nomination procedures²³ which the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges prepared pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/23/Res.1;

83. *Recalls* the adoption of the due diligence procedure for elected officials of the International Criminal Court ("due diligence procedure"),²⁴ *welcomes* the amendments to the revised operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism²⁵ that implement ~~the~~ a permanent due diligence procedure and *reaffirms* that the permanent due diligence procedure by the Independent Oversight Mechanism will need to be taken into account in any future decisions on the process for the election of the Judges, Prosecutor, Deputy Prosecutor(s), Registrar and Deputy Registrar;

I. Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties

84. *Recognizes* the important work done by the Secretariat of the Assembly ("the Secretariat"), *reiterates* that the relations between the Secretariat and the different organs of the Court shall be governed by principles of cooperation and of sharing and pooling of resources and services, as set out in the annex to resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.3, and *welcomes* the fact that the Director of the Secretariat participates in the meetings of the Coordination Council when matters of mutual concern are considered;

85. *Recalls* the general oversight function of the Bureau over the Secretariat, as contained in the resolution establishing the Secretariat;²⁶

86. *Also recalls* the report of the Bureau on the assessment of the Secretariat and the recommendations contained therein;²⁷

²² ICC-ASP/5/12.

²³ ICC-ASP/24/21.

²⁴ ICC-ASP/22/Res.3, annex II.

²⁵ See ICC-ASP/24/Res..., annex II.

²⁶ ICC-ASP/2/Res.3, annex, para. 10.

²⁷ ICC-ASP/17/39.

87. *Further recalls* that there is only one Secretariat established to provide the Assembly, its Bureau and subsidiary bodies with substantive servicing as well as administrative and technical assistance in the discharge of their responsibilities;

88. *Welcomes* the implementation of the last part of recommendation 4 of the former External Auditor, “to suppress the Executive Secretariat, in order to restore the principle of subsidiarity of the governance oversight organs towards the Assembly”²⁸ decided by States Parties²⁹ and *welcomes* the reporting to the Director of the Secretariat of the P-5 post of Executive Secretary to the Committee on Budget and Finance which was established in December 2012;³⁰

89. *Recalls* that the overall responsibility to ensure the provision of substantive and technical support to the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies and facilitations falls upon the Director of the Secretariat, who is entrusted with making the most efficient use of all the resources of Major Programme IV in accordance with the principles of effective financial administration and economy, and *notes* that all the staff of the Secretariat should therefore report to the Director of the Secretariat;

90. *Recalls* the endorsement³¹ of the recommendations made by the Independent Oversight Mechanism in its evaluation of the Secretariat and takes note of the continuing implementation of the recommendation made by the Independent Oversight Mechanism to redesign the Secretariat along functional lines, with the assistance of the Human Resources Section of the Court, and to undertake, as appropriate, a review of classifications of positions in the Secretariat;

J. Counsel

91. *Notes* the important work of independent representative bodies of counsel or legal associations, including any international legal association relevant to rule 20, sub-rule 3, of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence;

92. *Takes note* of the report on the constitution and activities of the International Criminal Court Bar Association;³²

93. *Invites* the International Criminal Court Bar Association to report to the Assembly, through the Bureau, on its activities in advance of the twenty-fifth session;

94. *Notes* the need to improve gender balance and equitable geographical representation on the list of counsel and thus *continues to encourage* applications to the list of counsel established as required under rule 21, sub-rule 2, of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence with a particular view to ensuring equitable geographical representation and gender balance, as well as legal expertise on specific issues such as violence against women or children, as appropriate;

K. Legal aid

95. *Noting* that it is the responsibility of the Court to present proposals to the Assembly for reform of the Legal Aid Policy and *calling on* the Court to continuously consult with States Parties and other relevant stakeholders, using existing structures in the course of drawing up these proposals;

96. *Recalling* the commitment of the Court and States Parties to ensuring equality of arms in proceedings before the Court;

²⁸ External Auditor: Final report on the International Criminal Court Governance Oversight (ICC-ASP/20/6), part II, List of recommendations.

²⁹ ICC-ASP/23/Res.6, section J, para. 9.

³⁰ Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance on the work of its seventeenth session (ICC-ASP/10/15), para. 122.

³¹ ICC-ASP/23/Res.1, para. 88.

³² ICC-ASP/24/32.

L. Study Group on Governance

97. *Welcomes* the continued structured dialogue between States Parties and the Court with a view to strengthening the institutional framework of the Rome Statute system and enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the Court while fully preserving its judicial independence;

98. *Takes note* of the Bureau's report on the Study Group on Governance;³³

99. *Extends* for another year the mandate of the Study Group;³⁴

100. *Takes note* of the final report of the Review Mechanism submitted pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/23/Res.6, including the Matrix on progress in the assessment of the Independent Expert Review recommendations of the Review Mechanism, and *notes* that the Study Group will continue to consider recommendations and those issues that fall within its mandate;

M. Proceedings of the Court

101. *Emphasizes* that the effectiveness of proceedings of the Court is essential to the rights of victims and those of the accused, the credibility and authority of the institution and the promotion of the universality of the Rome Statute, as well as the best possible use of the Court's resources, welcomes in this regard the efforts made to expedite proceedings, including by rendering trial judgments well within the timeframes set in the Chambers Practice Manual or joining the delivery of the judgement and the sentencing when possible;

102. *Welcomes* the Court's efforts to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of proceedings, as well as the efforts on the part of States Parties and civil society in this regard, including various efficiency measures adopted by the judges during their retreat in June 2025 to harmonise internal practices and streamline standard procedural decisions, *emphasizes* the importance of continued dialogue on this matter, as well as the shared responsibility of the Court and States Parties in this regard and *notes* the amendment to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, which the judges proposed on 15 September 2025 for adoption by the Assembly to clarify the procedure for motions for acquittal, imposing strict deadlines and procedural safeguards to efficiently adjudicate such motions;

N. Working methods review

103. *Recognizes* the benefits of rationalizing the working methods of the subsidiary bodies of the Bureau and the Assembly in order to cope with an increasing workload;

104. *Welcomes* the steps already undertaken by the Bureau for the improvement of the working methods and governance of the Bureau and the Assembly, *decides* to continue these efforts, and to that effect:

(g) *stresses* the need for the full implementation of the revised general roadmap for facilitations contained in annex II to resolution ICC-ASP/15/Res.5;

(h) *calls on* facilitations of the Bureau to begin their work during the intersessional period as early as possible during the first half of the year, as appropriate;

(i) *welcomes* the holding of Bureau meetings both in New York and in The Hague;

(j) *acknowledges* the importance of ensuring that the agenda of the Assembly allows sufficient time for substantive discussions;

(k) *recognizes* the importance of exchange of information as well as mutual consultations between the New York Working Group and The Hague Working Group on

³³ ICC-ASP/24/23.

³⁴ Established in resolution ICC-ASP/9/Res.2 and extended in resolutions ICC-ASP/10/Res.5, ICC-ASP/11/Res.8, ICC-ASP/12/Res.8, ICC-ASP/13/Res.5, ICC-ASP/14/Res.4, ICC-ASP/15/Res.5, ICC-ASP/16/Res.6, ICC-ASP/17/Res.5, ICC-ASP/18/Res.6, ICC-ASP/19/Res.6, ICC-ASP/20/Res.5, ICC-ASP/21/Res.2, ICC-ASP/22/Res.3 and ICC-ASP/23/Res.1.

matters of joint concern with a view to enhancing efficiency while avoiding duplication of efforts;

(l) *encourages* all States Parties to use the Extranet designed for the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Bureau and the Assembly containing all necessary documentation on the work in progress; and

(m) *also encourages* States Parties to deliver statements no longer than five minutes and to submit written statements instead of oral ones;

105. *Recognizes* the importance of the work carried out by the facilitators and the focal points;

106. *Recalls* the representative geographical character of the Bureau and *encourages* Bureau members to strengthen their communication with States Parties of their respective regional groups to inform the discussion of the Bureau, including by establishing appropriate mechanisms for providing regular updates on the work of the Bureau;

107. *Reiterates* that the Bureau shall have a representative character in its composition, taking into account, in particular, equitable geographical distribution and the adequate representation of the principal legal systems of the world, and *requests* the Bureau to remain seized of the matter;

108. *Welcomes* the report of the Bureau on the scheduling of Assembly sessions and the recommendations therein,³⁵ and *decides* to revert to the question at an appropriate time, preferably ahead of the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly;

109. *Reiterates* that the Bureau shall have a representative character in its composition, taking into account, in particular, equitable geographical distribution and the adequate representation of the principal legal systems of the world, and requests the Bureau to remain seized of the matter;

110. *Decides* to hold, bearing in mind past practice, the Assembly sessions alternately two years at the seat of the Court and one year at the Headquarters of the United Nations, when elections are held, as a rule with a length of up to six days, preferably over one calendar week, unless judicial or prosecutorial elections are scheduled, and *stresses* the need for effective, efficient, concise and productive Assembly sessions, with broadest participation of States Parties and effective use of resources, as well as the need for avoiding duplication with a division of labour between New York and The Hague;

O. Victims and affected communities, reparations and Trust Fund for Victims

111. *Reaffirms* its resolution ICC-ASP/13/Res.4 on victims and affected communities, reparations and Trust Fund for Victims;

112. *Stresses* the central importance that the Rome Statute accords to the rights and needs of victims, as victims' right to present and have their views and concerns considered at stages of the proceedings determined to be appropriate by the Court where their personal interests are affected and to protection of their safety, physical and psychological well-being, dignity and privacy, under article 68 of the Rome Statute, as well as their right to claim reparations awarded and access to relevant information are essential components of justice and, in this regard, *emphasizes* the importance of effective outreach to victims and affected communities in order to give effect to the mandate of the Court;

113. *Recalls* article 75 of the Rome Statute and, in this regard, the reparative justice role of the Court and the Trust Fund, and *notes* that assistance and reparations to victims may promote reconciliation and contribute to peace-building;

114. *Acknowledges* the importance of protective measures for victims and witnesses, including considering the best interests, rights and well-being of children and maintaining the physical and psychological welfare of witnesses, particularly victims of sexual and gender-based crimes, for the execution of the Court's mandate, *stresses* the need for States to conclude agreements with the Court in order to facilitate expeditious international

³⁵ ICC-ASP/22/32.

relocation of persons at risk, *urges* all States to consider concluding such relocation agreements and *encourages* all States to contribute to the Special Fund for Relocations;

115. *Stresses* that, since the identification, tracing and freezing or seizure of any assets of the convicted person are indispensable for reparations, it is of paramount importance that all necessary measures are taken to that end, in order for relevant States and relevant entities to provide timely and effective assistance pursuant to articles 75, 93, paragraph 1(k), and 109 of the Rome Statute, and *calls upon* States Parties to enter into voluntary agreements, arrangements or any other means to this end with the Court, as required;

116. *Recalls* the Court's previous commitment to review its Revised Strategy in Relation to Victims once a judicial cycle is finished;³⁶

117. *Renews its appreciation* to the Board of Directors and the Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims for their continuing commitment towards victims and affected communities and in this regard, *notes with appreciation* the latest report by the Board of Directors on the activities of the Trust Fund to the Assembly³⁷ as well as the efforts of the Board of Directors to improve the governance, efficiency and effectiveness of the Trust Fund;

118. *Notes* the significant increase in the activities of the Trust Fund related to reparations; in particular, *also notes* that the Trust Fund is continuing to implement the *Lubanga* and *Ntaganda* reparations programmes in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the *Al Mahdi* reparations programme in Mali, while progressing in the initiation of the *Ongwen* reparations programme;

119. *Further notes* that in the *Al Mahdi* case the Trust Fund has completed the delivery of financial compensation as part of the individual reparations awards to 1,687 eligible victims in November 2024 and that the collective reparations are set to conclude in December 2025;

120. *Welcomes* the final report of the Trust Fund on the implementation of the *Katanga* reparations programme submitted to the Court on 2 December 2024 and the external evaluation report which validates the impact of reparations on individuals and communities and contributes to strengthening the rule of law;

121. *Notes* that the Trust Fund is also implementing assistance programmes directly benefitting in 2024 18,226 individuals in seven situations under the jurisdiction of the Court and *also notes* that the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund has launched a funding appeal for initial consultations to determine the feasibility of starting assistance programmes in nine situations of the Court, where the Trust Fund is not currently active;

122. *Calls upon* States, international and inter-governmental organizations, individuals, corporations and other entities to make voluntary contributions, in accordance with their financial ability, to the Trust Fund in order to broaden its resource base, improve the predictability of funding and maintain responsiveness to harm suffered by victims as well as to the Court's judicial developments, and *renews its appreciation* to those that have done so;

123. *Invites* States Parties to respond to requests of the Trust Fund for earmarked contributions for the purposes of funding specific reparations awards, as well as replenishing and strengthening the Trust Fund's general reparations reserve, and *expresses its appreciation* to those that have already done so;

124. *Invites* States Parties to consider making earmarked voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the benefit of victims of sexual and gender-based violence, and *expresses its appreciation* to those that have already done so;

125. *Notes* the intention of the Trust Fund to raise voluntary contributions from public and private donations, in order to ensure the implementation of Court-ordered reparations and assistance activities for the benefit of victims in cases and situations before the Court, in particular €4.1 million for the reparations programme in the *Lubanga* and *Ntaganda* cases, €5 million to start the reparations programme in the *Ongwen* case and €2 million for other assistance programmes;

³⁶ ICC-ASP/13/Res.4, para. 1.

³⁷ ICC-ASP/24/14.

126. *Welcomes* the Report of the Bureau on the Trust Fund for Victims;³⁸
127. *Welcomes* the development by the Trust Fund for Victims of an integrated Strategic Plan with the Court;
128. *Takes note* of the comprehensive fundraising strategy of the Trust Fund for Victims, and its improved governance;

P. Recruitment of staff

129. *Takes note* of the Court's report on Human Resources Management³⁹ and *requests* the Court to further strengthen its efforts, in the recruitment of staff, to seek equitable geographical representation with a particular focus on candidates from non-represented and under-represented States Parties, gender balance and the highest standards of efficiency, competency and integrity, as well as to seek expertise on specific issues, including, but not limited to, trauma-related psycho-social needs and violence against women or children, and *encourages* further progress in this regard;
130. *Calls upon* the Court to report the outcome of its efforts to seek equitable geographical representation with a particular focus on candidates from non-represented and under-represented States Parties and gender balance to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session, including, but not limited to, improvements in the recruitment process and annual recruitment data;
131. *Calls upon* the Court to report the outcome of its efforts to seek equitable geographical representation with a particular focus on candidates from non-represented and under-represented States Parties and gender balance to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session, including, but not limited to, improvements in the recruitment process and annual recruitment data;⁴⁰
132. *Welcomes* the efforts by the Registry to implement the outcomes of the Workshop on Geographical Representation and Gender Balance (GRGB) held in 2023;
133. *Takes note* of the continued dialogue between the Court and the Bureau with regard to ensuring equitable geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff members, and welcomes the report of the Bureau and its recommendations;
134. *Also recalls* the issuance of the first integrated ICC Strategic Plan 2026-2029, developed by all organs of the Court together with the Trust Fund for Victims, and the Strategic Goal 8 "Foster diversity" which strive to increase equitable geographical representation and gender balance across all staffing levels, in particular in senior positions, advancing the integration of diversity, equity and inclusion perspectives in all aspect of the administration of the organization;
135. *Welcomes* the Court's final report on the implementation of the Court-wide strategy on gender equality and workplace culture (2023-2025) and *further recalls* that the Court is developing the second Court-wide strategy on gender equality and Workplace Culture (2026-2029), which will complement the Strategic Plan for 2026-2029;

Q. Complementarity

136. *Recalls* the primary responsibility of States to genuinely investigate and prosecute the most serious crimes of international concern and that, to this end, appropriate measures need to be adopted at the national level, and international cooperation and judicial assistance need to be strengthened, in order to ensure that national legal systems are willing and able genuinely to carry out investigations and prosecutions of such crimes;
137. *Takes note* of the continued dialogue between the Court and the Bureau with regard to ensuring equitable geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff members, and welcomes the report of the Bureau and its recommendations;

³⁸ ICC-ASP/24/19.

³⁹ ICC-ASP/24/2.

⁴⁰ ICC-ASP/24/7.

138. *Recalls* the signing on 14 February 2024 of the Ljubljana-The Hague Convention on international cooperation in the investigation and prosecution of the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and other international crimes, which will facilitate better practical cooperation between States in investigating and prosecuting international crimes and to which all States may become parties;

139. *Welcomes* efforts by the United Nations, international and regional organizations, States and civil society in mainstreaming capacity-building activities aimed at strengthening national jurisdictions with regard to investigating and prosecuting Rome Statute crimes and *strongly encourages* additional efforts in this regard by other international and regional organizations, States and civil society;

140. *Welcomes* the report of the Bureau on complementarity and the recommendations made on future consultations set out therein;⁴¹

141. *Welcomes* the ongoing exchanges with the Office of the Prosecutor in the context of the Office's Policy on Complementarity and Cooperation, with respect to a range of measures and initiatives intended to support the development of dynamic and two-way relationships between the Office, national authorities and other accountability mechanisms, and, crucially, the victims and survivors of atrocities globally, in order to deliver justice close to the affected communities;

142. *Also welcomes* the information provided by the Secretariat of the Assembly on the progress in giving effect to its mandate to facilitate the exchange of information between the Court, States Parties and other stakeholders, including international organizations and civil society, aimed at strengthening domestic jurisdictions;

143. *Encourages* States, international and regional organizations and civil society to submit to the Secretariat information on their complementarity-related activities and *further welcomes* the efforts made by the international community and national authorities, including national capacity-building activities to investigate and prosecute gender-based crimes that may amount to Rome Statute crimes, in particular the continued efforts on the strategic actions to ensure access to justice and to enhance empowerment of victims at national level;

144. *Encourages* the Court to continue its efforts in the field of complementarity, including through exchange of information between the Court and other relevant actors, while *recalling* the Court's limited role in strengthening national jurisdictions;

R. Independent Oversight Mechanism

145. *Recalls* its decision in resolution ICC-ASP/23/Res.1 requesting the Bureau to remain seized of the review of the work and operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism and to follow up on the recommendations contained in the report of the facilitation, with a view to considering also recommendations of the Independent Expert Review in this regard, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

146. *Recalls* its endorsement of the evaluation policy of the Court in resolution ICC-ASP/23/Res.1 and *welcomes* the commitment of the Independent Oversight Mechanism to conduct its evaluations in line with the policy as prescribed in paragraph 30 of the revised operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism;

147. *Recalls* its decision in resolution ICC-ASP/24/Res... to amend the revised operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism;

148. *Welcomes* the discussions held during 2025 on the review of the work and operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism, which is a subsidiary body of the Assembly;

149. *Takes note* of the Final Report of the Independent Expert Review of the International Criminal Court and the Rome Statute System,⁴² in particular its recommendations related to the work and operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism, which deserves thorough discussions among States Parties and consideration and may call for further revisions of the mandate;

⁴¹ ICC-ASP/24/35.

⁴² ICC-ASP/19/16.

150. *Welcomes* the complementary initiatives undertaken by the Bureau, the Assembly oversight bodies and the Court to try to ensure that the different organs of the Court have streamlined and updated where required, and, to the extent possible, consistent ethics charters and codes of conduct;

151. *Reiterates* the critical importance of the Independent Oversight Mechanism in carrying out its work in an independent, transparent and impartial manner free from any undue influence and *acknowledges* the need for adequate resources to carry out its mandate, including the implementation of a permanent due diligence procedure;

152. *Welcomes* the annual report of the Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism;⁴³

153. *Reaffirms* the importance of the Independent Oversight Mechanism reporting to States Parties on the results of its activities;

154. *Emphasizes* the importance of adherence to the highest professional and ethics standards by all elected officials, Court staff, consultants, contractors, visiting professionals, and interns, *acknowledges* the essential role played and work done by the Independent Oversight Mechanism, and that the revised operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism⁴⁴ enables it to cooperate efficiently with the Presidency of the Assembly and the ad hoc panel in case of complaints against elected officials, and *invites* the Court to provide at the earliest opportunity in advance of the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly any relevant update and recommendation on any necessary follow-up action for the Court and/or the Assembly;

155. *Welcomes* the incorporation of a permanent due diligence procedure into the mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism, and *acknowledges* the clarifications on the possibility of retaining an external investigator to conduct investigations in case of actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest, or due to insufficient resources, as prescribed in paragraph 11 of the revised operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism;⁴⁵

156. *Welcomes* the progress made in formally aligning the regulatory framework of the Court and the Assembly with the revised operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism, in particular the Rules of Procedure and Evidence,⁴⁶ the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties,⁴⁷ the Administrative Instruction on Investigation of Unsatisfactory Conduct and the Administrative Instruction on Unsatisfactory Conduct and Disciplinary Proceedings, as well as the Administrative Instruction on Discrimination, Harassment, including Sexual Harassment, and Abuse of Authority, and *encourages* the Court, with the support of the Independent Oversight Mechanism, as necessary, to continue working to ensure that all relevant documents are updated and aligned with the mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism in order to harmonize the applicable rules;

S. Programme budget

157. *Welcomes* the incorporation of a permanent due diligence procedure into the mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism, and *acknowledges* the clarifications on the possibility of retaining an external investigator to conduct investigations in case of actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest, or due to insufficient resources, as prescribed in paragraph 11 of the revised operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism;⁴⁸

158. *Recalls* that, according to its Rules of Procedure,⁴⁹ the Committee shall be responsible for the technical examination of any document submitted to the Assembly that contains financial or budgetary implications and *emphasizes* the importance of ensuring that the Committee is represented at all stages of the deliberations of the Assembly at which documents that contain financial or budgetary implications are considered;

⁴³ ICC-ASP/24/8.

⁴⁴ ICC-ASP/24/Res..., annex II.

⁴⁵ See ICC-ASP/24/Res..., annex II.

⁴⁶ See ICC-ASP/24/Res...

⁴⁷ See ICC-ASP/24/Res..., annex III.

⁴⁸ ICC-ASP/24/30

⁴⁹ ICC-ASP/18/Res.1, annex.

159. *Takes note with concern* of the report of the Bureau on the arrears of States Parties;⁵⁰

160. *Emphasizes* the importance of endowing the Court with the necessary financial resources, and *urges* all States Parties to the Rome Statute to transfer their assessed contributions in full and by the deadline for contributions or, in the event of pre-existing arrears, immediately, in accordance with article 115 of the Rome Statute, rule 105.1 of the Financial Regulations and Rules, and other relevant decisions taken by the Assembly;

161. *Calls upon* States, international organizations, individuals, corporations and other entities to contribute voluntarily to the Court and *expresses its appreciation* to those that have done so;

T. Review of the Kampala Amendments

162. *Welcomes* the activation of the Court's jurisdiction over the crime of aggression as of 17 July 2018, as decided by consensus by the Assembly in its resolution ICC-ASP/16/Res.5, marking the first time that a permanent international court has the authority to hold individuals accountable in respect of this crime, thereby completing the achievements of the Rome and Kampala Conferences of 1998 and 2010;

163. *Calls upon* all States Parties to consider ratifying or accepting these amendments, noting that they shall enter into force in accordance with article 121, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute, *notes with appreciation* the recent ratifications of the amendments⁵¹ and *notes* that two States Parties have lodged declarations in accordance with article 15 *bis*, paragraph 4, of the Rome Statute;⁵²

164. *Further welcomes* that special session on the review of the amendments on the crime of aggression took place from 7 to 9 July 2025 in New York and expresses appreciation for the extensive preparations undertaken by the Bureau, the Secretariat, the President of the Assembly of States Parties, the Working Group on Amendments, and civil society;

165. *Takes note* with appreciation of the adoption of the resolution ICC-ASP/S-1/Res.1 by the Assembly of States Parties, whereby it commits itself to the aim of strengthening the jurisdiction of the Court over the crime of aggression, and decides to convene a Special session in 2029 in New York, for no longer than five days and an intersessional meeting of no longer than two days in 2027 in New York;

166. *Further welcomes* the decision of the Assembly⁵³ to establish a dedicated sub-group of the Working Group of Amendments to take this process forward that will annually report to the Assembly of States Parties on progress, and takes note of the report of the Chair of the Subgroup of the Working Group of Amendments;

167. *Invites* the Chair of the Subgroup of the Working Group of Amendments to convene regular meetings of the Subgroup of the Working Group to facilitate discussions on the proposal for amendment annexed to the resolution ICC-ASP/S-1/Res.1, with due consideration of other possible routes to enhance the Court's jurisdiction over the crime of aggression in preparation for the intersessional meeting and the Special Session, and encourages States Parties to actively engage to take this process forward.

U. Consideration of amendments

168. *Welcomes* the report of the Working Group on Amendments;⁵⁴

169. *Calls upon* all States Parties to ratify or accept the amendment to article 124;

170. *Also calls upon* all States Parties to ratify or accept the amendments to article 8 adopted at the sixteenth and eighteenth sessions of the Assembly;⁵⁵

⁵⁰ ICC-ASP/24/31.

⁵¹ https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XVIII-10-a&chapter=18&clang=_en.

⁵² <https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/2024-05/Rome-Statute-eng.pdf>.

⁵³ ICC-ASP/S-1/Res.1.

⁵⁴ ICC-ASP/24/26.

⁵⁵ ICC-ASP/16/Res.4 and ICC-ASP/18/Res.5.

V. Participation in the Assembly of States Parties

171. *Strongly encourages* States Parties to be guided by the principle of gender balance when composing their delegations to the Assembly and when selecting their participants for the work of the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies;

172. *Calls upon* States, international organizations, individuals, corporations and other entities to contribute in a timely manner and voluntarily to the Trust Fund to allow the participation of least developed countries and other developing States in the annual session of the Assembly and *expresses its appreciation* to those that have done so;

173. *Encourages* the continuation of efforts undertaken by the President of the Assembly to hold an on-going dialogue with all stakeholders, including regional organizations and *calls upon* all States Parties to support the President in her undertakings aimed at strengthening the Court, the independence of proceedings and the Rome Statute system as a whole;

174. *Recalls* the long-term and continuing cooperation between the Assembly, States Parties, and non-governmental organizations of civil society, and *reaffirms* resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.8 on recognition of the coordinating and facilitating role of the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court;

175. *Calls upon* all States to refrain from any acts constituting an attack, threat, intimidation or reprisal against participants in the work of the Assembly;

177. *Encourages* further constructive and inclusive dialogue between States Parties and non-States Parties in order to strengthen the fight against impunity including in the context of challenges the Court is facing, with full respect for the Rome Statute and the independence, impartiality and integrity of the Court;

176. *Encourages* the full participation of States Parties, Observers and States not having observer status in the sessions of the Assembly and *recognizes* the need to ensure the broadest visibility of the Court and the Assembly;

177. *Takes note* of the Guidelines for enhancing the security of participants in the work of the Assembly, adopted by the Bureau on 4 October 2023,⁵⁶ and *requests* the Bureau to continue developing measures to this effect in consultation with States Parties, the Court and civil society, and to report to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session; and

178. *Encourages* the full participation of States Parties, Observers and States not having observer status in the sessions of the Assembly in order to strengthen dialogue and *recognizes* the need to ensure the broadest visibility of the Court and the Assembly;

⁵⁶ Amended on 8 September 2021 and 29 September 2023:
https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/asp_docs/Guidelines-preparation-conduct-ASP-with-appendix-ENG.pdf.

Annex I

Mandates of the Assembly of States Parties for the intersessional period

1. With regard to **universality of the Rome Statute**,
 - (a) *endorses* the recommendations of the report of the Bureau on the Plan of action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute and *encourages* all relevant actors to implement these recommendations;
 - (b) *requests* the Bureau to continue to monitor the implementation of the Plan of action and to report thereon to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session; and
 - (c) *requests* the Secretariat to continue supporting efforts to promote the universality of the Rome Statute, including through appropriate coordination and facilitation as needed.
2. With regard to the **Agreement on Privileges and Immunities**, *requests* the Bureau to continue to support the ratification of the Agreement;
3. With regard to **cooperation**,
 - (a) *urges* the Bureau, through The Hague Working Group, to continue the work on arrests, including the recommendations for increased engagement with States Parties on the implementation of outstanding International Criminal Court arrest warrants of 18 September 2024 resulting from the inter-organ retreat of the Court on the challenges posed by the execution of arrest warrants ,held on 18 July 2024, in close cooperation with the Court;
 - (b) *requests* the Bureau, through its working groups, to continue the discussions on voluntary framework agreements or arrangements, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;
 - (c) *invites* the Bureau, through its working groups, to discuss the feasibility of establishing a coordinating mechanism of national authorities;
 - (d) *also invites* the Bureau, through its working groups, to continue to strengthen the relationship between the Court, States Parties and the United Nations and its agencies and entities, as well as other international and regional organizations, including for capacity building, to foster cooperation with the Court;
 - (e) *invites* the Court to continue improving its practice in transmitting specific, complete and timely requests for cooperation and assistance, including by considering consultations with the State Party concerned when necessary;
 - (f) *encourages* the Bureau, through its working groups, to continue its review of the implementation of the 66 recommendations on cooperation adopted by States Parties in 2007,¹ in close cooperation with the Court, where appropriate;
 - (g) *requests* the Bureau to maintain a facilitation of the Assembly for cooperation to consult with States Parties, the Court, other interested States, relevant organizations and non-governmental organizations in order to further strengthen cooperation with the Court;
 - (h) *encourages* the Bureau, through the facilitation on cooperation, in accordance with the resolution on the Review of the International Criminal Court² to monitor the implementation of the recommendations related to cooperation as appropriate, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;
 - (i) *requests* the Court to continue to submit an updated report on cooperation to the Assembly at its annual session, containing disaggregated data over the responses provided by States Parties, including highlighting the main challenges;
 - (j) *mandates* the Bureau, through its working groups, to continue discussions on cooperation on financial investigations and the freezing and seizing of assets as set out in the

¹ ICC-ASP/6/Res.2, annex II.

² ICC-ASP/19/Res.7.

Declaration of Paris, including by continuing the work to further develop the secured digital platform;

(k) *invites* States Parties to engage with regard to issues outlined in paragraphs 21 and 22 of this resolution on the implementation of the recommendations made in the Court's Guidelines on protection of relevant ICC persons against coercive measures, and to report to the Bureau, through the cooperation facilitation, in 2026 on the outcome of these discussions;

(l) *invites* the Court to engage with States Parties on the Concept Note on "Protection as Cooperation", with a view to further consolidate cooperation in order to safeguard the Court's ability to carry out its mandate and safeguard its independence and resilience, and to report to the Bureau, through the cooperation facilitation, in 2026, on the outcome of these discussions;

(m) *requests* the President of the Assembly to continue to engage actively and constructively with all relevant stakeholders in accordance with the Assembly procedures relating to non-cooperation, both to prevent instances of non-cooperation and to follow up on any matter of non-cooperation referred by the Court to the Assembly;

(n) *requests* that any information concerning potential or confirmed travel of persons against whom an arrest warrant has been issued be promptly shared with the Court by the focal points on non-cooperation; and

(o) *requests* the Bureau to continue to actively engage throughout the intersessional period with all relevant stakeholders to continue to ensure effective implementation of the Assembly procedures relating to non-cooperation and to submit a report on its activities to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

4. With regard to the **relationship with the United Nations**,

(a) *invites* the Court to continue its institutional dialogue with the United Nations, based on the Relationship Agreement between the United Nations and the International Criminal Court; and

(b) *requests* the Registry to update its report on the approximate costs allocated so far within the Court in relation to referrals by the Security Council³ ahead of the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly;

5. With regard to **relationships with other international organizations and bodies**,

(a) *invites* the Court to include in its annual report to the United Nations General Assembly a section on the status and implementation of specific agreements on cooperation with other international organizations; and

(b) *requests* the Bureau, through The Hague Working Group, to continue discussions on the desirability and feasibility of establishing regional representations to promote dialogue, cooperation, complementarity, universality, and promotion of the Rome Statute, including by engaging with States interested in hosting such a representation. Also requests the Bureau to consult with the Court and report on the outcome of the discussions and any recommendations to the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly.

6. With regard to **elections**,

(a) *decides* to continue to review the procedure for the nomination and election of judges as set forth in resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended, with a view to making any improvements as may be necessary, taking into account the work conducted so far as reflected in the facilitator's report;⁴

(b) *requests* the Bureau to report to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session on possible amendments to other mandates and procedures which may be necessary in order to implement the due diligence procedure for elected officials; and

(c) *also requests* the Bureau to update the Assembly, at its twenty-fifth session, on the progress of the review of the procedure for the nomination and election of judges;

³ ICC-ASP/24/17.

⁴ ICC-ASP/24/28.

7. With regard to **legal aid**,

(a) *takes note* of the general interest expressed during the preparatory meetings convened in 2025 to examine the text of a possible amendment to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court, to address the question of a legal basis for tax exemptions to be granted to defence and victims' counsel and persons assisting counsel who are subject to the Legal Aid Policy;

(b) *decides* to continue the discussion and examine further the draft text as prepared in Annex II with a view to arriving at a mutually agreeable text and with a view to convening a Review Conference in accordance with article 36 of the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court to discuss the proposal as soon as possible;

(c) *requests* the Court to consider interim measures, within existing resources in the legal aid budget, to the benefit of members of defence and victims' teams who are subject to taxation on their legal aid earnings;

(d) *stresses* the need for continuous monitoring and scrutiny of the new legal aid system and, to this end, *requests* the Court to report on the progress in the application of the new Legal Aid Policy of the International Criminal Court by 31 August 2026, in consultation with members of defence and victims' teams, in order to facilitate the Assembly's review and consideration of the Legal Aid Policy at the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly;

(e) *requests* the Court to continue to ensure appropriate representation of counsel in the Advisory Committee on Legal Texts;

(f) *also requests* the Court to continue its review of the current framework and operation of the functions regarding financial investigations on suspects and accused persons across all organs in order to make proposals to the Assembly through its relevant facilitations (legal aid and cooperation) with a view to strengthening the Registry's capacity to trace, freeze and seize assets of the accused in the context of legal aid requests, while paying due respect to the rights of the accused and to ensure increased efficiency of that global framework; and

(g) *requests* the Bureau to continue its work on legal aid and to report to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

8. With regard to the **Study Group on Governance**,

(a) *invites* the Court to further engage in a structured dialogue with States Parties with a view to strengthening the institutional framework of the Rome Statute system and enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the Court while fully preserving its judicial independence, and to provide State Parties with its update on implementation of the respective Independent Expert Review recommendations;

(b) *invites* the Study Group to closely cooperate with the Court, subsidiary bodies and other facilitations established by the Assembly on the implementation of the Independent Experts' recommendations that address governance issues; and

(c) *requests* the Court to consider benchmarking results in relation to Short Term Appointments, while maintaining close engagement with States Parties and the Staff Union Council;

9. With regard to **proceedings of the Court**,

(a) *invites* the Court to intensify its efforts to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of proceedings including by adopting further changes of practice;

(b) *encourages* the Bureau, including through its two working groups and the Study Group on Governance, to continue to support the Court's efforts to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of proceedings; and

(c) *encourages* the Court to take note of the best practices of relevant international and national organizations, tribunals, and mechanisms related to sexual and gender-based crimes, including practices related to investigation, prosecution and training, in solving challenges related to crimes under the Rome Statute, including sexual and gender-based crimes, while reiterating its respect for the independence of the Court;

10. With regard to the **working methods review**,

(a) *decides* that its annual session shall have a duration of up to six working days with a possible extension of up to three additional days in election years, as required, and to focus, in such cases, the first three days on the elections of judges;

(b) *also decides* that its annual sessions shall include one or two plenary segments on specific agenda items;

(c) *invites* the facilitators and focal points, when appropriate, to present their work to the Assembly;

(d) *also invites* the facilitators and focal points to commit themselves for a period of up to three years, considering the particularities and the complexity of each mandate and to submit, in addition to their regular reports, a final written report to the Assembly at the end of their mandate, including lessons learnt;

(e) *invites* the Bureau to continue to implement the recommendations of the 2013 working methods report;⁵

(f) *requests* the Bureau to establish facilitations only if the mandate requires open-ended consultations and the matter cannot be addressed by a less resource-intensive mechanism, such as a rapporteur or a focal point;⁶

(g) *invites* the Bureau to use existing technologies such as video-conferencing in order to ensure participation of members of the Bureau not represented at the venue of the Bureau meeting;

(h) *requests* the Bureau to continue conducting evaluations of the established mandates and, where appropriate, consider the inclusion of end-dates and that it prepare recommendations on the reduction of the number and length of reports;

(i) *also requests* the Bureau to continue to discuss the representative character of its composition, taking into account, in particular, equitable geographical distribution and the adequate representation of the principal legal systems of the world and further requests the Bureau to continue to consult with all States Parties on the topic and submit a report, ahead of the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly;

(j) *also decides* to consider the Composition of the Bureau as its first point on its agenda for the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly, taking into consideration the Reports on the Composition of the Bureau and its Annexes, as well as other proposals, and with a view of taking an action, and requests that the Bureau will adopt the report well in advance; and

(j) *requests* all facilitators and focal points, in consultation with States Parties, to undertake an exercise to further streamline the present resolution for the twenty-fifth session, including through continued implementation of the Guiding Principles on the streamlining and drafting of proposals for this resolution;

11. With regard to **victims and affected communities, reparations and the Trust Fund for Victims**,

(a) *requests* the Court to continue to establish principles relating to reparations in accordance with article 75, paragraph 1, of the Rome Statute as a priority in the context of its judicial proceedings;

(b) *encourages* the Board of Directors and the Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims to continue to strengthen its on-going dialogue with the organs of the Court, States Parties and the wider international community, including donors as well as non-governmental organizations, who all contribute to the valuable work of the Trust Fund for Victims, so as to ensure increased strategic and operational visibility and to maximize its impact and ensure the continuity and sustainability of the Fund's interventions;

⁵ ICC-ASP/12/59.

⁶ As outlined, for example, in paras. 21(a) and 23(b) of the Report on the evaluation and rationalization of the working methods of the subsidiary bodies of the Bureau (ICC-ASP/12/59).

(c) *requests* the Court and the Trust Fund for Victims to continue developing a strong collaborative partnership, mindful of each other's roles and responsibilities, to implement Court-ordered reparations;

(d) *decides* to continue to monitor the implementation of the rights of victims under the Rome Statute, with a view to ensuring that the exercise of these rights is fully realized and that the continued positive impact of the Rome Statute system on victims and affected communities is sustainable;

(e) *requests* the Court to continue the development of an updated Revised Strategy in Relation to Victims, taking into account the ongoing consideration of the relevant Independent Expert Review recommendations, and to report to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

(f) *requests* the Bureau to actively engage in discussions, including relevant stakeholders, with a view to identifying sustainable and increased funding sources for the Trust Fund for Victims, including those referenced in resolution ICC ASP/1/Res.6, with particular focus on paragraph 2(d), and to report on progress to the Assembly at its next session;

(g) *requests* the Bureau to continue considering victims-related issues as necessary or as they arise, having recourse to any appropriate process or mechanism and to report to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session; and

(h) *requests* the Court to make available to the Assembly appropriate statistics in relation to victims admitted to participate in proceedings before the Court when these are publicly submitted to the respective Chambers in the context of the judicial proceedings; such statistics may include, as appropriate, information on gender, criminal offense and situation, among other pertinent criteria as determined by the relevant Chamber;

12. With regard to **recruitment of staff**,

(a) *endorses* the recommendations of the Committee on Budget and Finance in relation to geographical representation and gender balance contained in the report of its forty-seventh session and *urges* the Court to take the necessary steps to implement it;

(b) *requests* the Court to submit to the Assembly a comprehensive report on human resources by the end of May 2026, to be considered by the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session, which would include an update on the implementation of the recommendations on the topic made by the Committee in 2025;

(c) *also requests* the Court to include in that report an outline of its efforts to improve the recruitment process in seeking equitable geographical representation with a particular focus on candidates from non-represented and under-represented States Parties and gender balance, including annual recruitment data;

(d) *requests* the Bureau to continue engaging with the Court to identify ways to improve equitable geographical representation and gender balance in professional posts, as well as to remain seized of the issue of geographical representation and gender balance, and to report thereon to the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly; and

(e) *urges* the Court to continue to seize the opportunities of the outstanding and future recruitment processes to implement measures that would contribute to the efforts of meeting the desirable ranges of geographical representation and gender balance;

13. With regard to **complementarity**,

(a) *requests* the Bureau to remain seized of this issue and to continue the dialogue with the Court and other stakeholders on complementarity, including on complementarity-related capacity-building activities by the international community to assist national jurisdictions, on possible situation-specific completion strategies of the Court and the role of partnerships with national authorities and other actors in this regard, and also including to assist on issues such as gender-based crimes; and

(b) *requests* the Secretariat to continue to develop its efforts in facilitating the exchange of information between the Court, States Parties and other stakeholders, including international organizations and civil society, aimed at strengthening domestic jurisdictions,

and to invite States to submit information on their capacity needs for the consideration of States and other actors in a position to provide assistance, and to report on the practical steps taken in this regard to the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly;

14. With regard to the **Independent Oversight Mechanism**, *requests* the Bureau to remain seized of the review of the work and the operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism, with a view to considering also recommendations of the Independent Expert Review in this regard, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

15. With regard to **the programme budget**,

(a) *requests* the Secretariat, together with the Committee on Budget and Finance, to continue to make the necessary arrangements to ensure that the Committee is represented at all stages of the deliberations of the Assembly at which documents that contain financial or budgetary implications are considered;

(b) *decides* that the Bureau, through the President of the Assembly, the Coordinator of the working group and the facilitator, should continue to monitor the status of payments received throughout the financial year of the Court and, as appropriate, continue to engage in dialogue with States Parties that have outstanding contributions or are in arrears, and, via the annual facilitation on the topic of arrears, report thereon to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session; and

(c) *requests* the Secretariat to inform States Parties periodically of States that have recovered their voting rights following payment of their arrears;

16. With regard to the **Review of the Kampala Amendments**,

(a) *requests* the subgroup of the Working Group on Amendments, to continue consultations with all States Parties and stakeholders and to submit an updated report on progress to the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly;

(b) *decides* to maintain the issue under consideration until the Special Session of the Assembly to be held in New York in 2029, including at the intersessional meeting to be held in New York in 2027;

17. With regard to **consideration of amendments**,

(a) *invites* the Working Group on Amendments to continue its consideration of all amendment proposals, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Working Group; and

(b) *requests* the Working Group to submit a report for the consideration of the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

18. With regard to **participation in the Assembly of States Parties**,

(a) *decides* that the Committee on Budget and Finance shall hold its forty-ninth session virtually, on 26 January 2026, that its fiftieth session would take place from 11 to 15 May 2026 and its fifty-first session from 7 September to 18 September 2026, both in The Hague; and

(b) *also decides* that the Assembly shall hold its twenty-fifth session in New York from 7 to 17 December 2026, and its twenty-sixth session in The Hague.

Annex II

Draft text of a possible amendment to Article 18 of the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court

Article 18

Counsel and persons assisting ~~defence~~ counsel

1. Counsel shall enjoy the following privileges, immunities and facilities to the extent necessary for the independent performance of his or her functions, including the time spent on journeys, in connection with the performance of his or her functions and subject to production of the certificate referred to in paragraph 2 of this article:

(a) Immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of his or her personal baggage;

(b) Immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts performed by him or her in official capacity, which immunity shall continue to be accorded even after he or she has ceased to exercise his or her functions;

(c) Inviolability of papers and documents in whatever form and materials relating to the exercise of his or her functions;

(d) For the purposes of communications in pursuance of his or her functions as counsel, the right to receive and send papers and documents in whatever form;

(e) Exemption from immigration restrictions or alien registration;

(f) Exemption from inspection of personal baggage, unless there are serious grounds for believing that the baggage contains articles the import or export of which is prohibited by law or controlled by the quarantine regulations of the State Party concerned; an inspection in such a case shall be conducted in the presence of the counsel concerned;

(g) The same privileges in respect of currency and exchange facilities as are accorded to representatives of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;

(h) The same repatriation facilities in time of international crisis as are accorded to diplomatic agents under the Vienna Convention.

2. Upon appointment of counsel in accordance with the Statute, the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and the Regulations of the Court, counsel shall be provided with a certificate under the signature of the Registrar for the period required for the exercise of his or her functions. Such certificate shall be withdrawn if the power or mandate is terminated before the expiry of the certificate.

3. **Counsel shall be exempted from taxation on the fees, allowances, and other expenses paid to them by the Court under the legal aid system. States Parties may take these fees, allowances, and other expenses into account for the purpose of assessing the amount of taxes to be applied to income from other sources.** ~~Where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, periods during which counsel is present in a State Party for the discharge of his or her functions shall not be considered as periods of residence.~~

4. The provisions of this article shall apply mutatis mutandis to persons assisting ~~defence~~ counsel in accordance with rules 22 **and 90** of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.