Victims’ reflections on reparative justice:

The voice and role of victims in the fight against impunity

Side Event to the 16th Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute

December 5th, from 1.15 to 2.30pm

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Light lunch and refreshments will be made available from 12.00 to 12.45 at the Vienna Café

The Rome Statute established a unique system of international justice in which the elements of retributive and reparative justice aim to be reconciled. Alongside investigation, prosecution and adjudication, the Statute enshrines a set of comprehensive provisions to protect victims, to allow victims’ participation in the ICC’s proceedings and to entitle them to apply for reparations. Over 22,000 victims have applied to participate in ICC proceedings, and other thousands applied to make submissions at the investigation stage or for reparations proceedings. Victims of crimes against humanity, genocide, war crimes and the crime of aggression are right-bearers, and their voice must be heard. The complementary mandate of the ICC and of States Parties will be fulfilled only when the rights of victims are upheld and respected.

Opening remarks
Ambassador Elbio Rosselli, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations
Mr. Motoo Noguchi, Chairman of the Board of the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV)

Moderator
Mr. Patrick Luna (Brazil), Coordinator of the Group of Friends of the ICC in New York

Victims’ Voices
Mr. Mohamed E., victim in the Darfur situation and Bashir case at the ICC
Mr. Joseph Manoba, Legal Representative of victims in the Ongwen case at the ICC
Congresswoman Macarena Gelman (Uruguay), abducted child and orphan of enforced disappeared parents;
International Councilor of Parliamentarians for Global Action

Reparative Justice Commentator
Dr. Yael Danieli, International Organization for Victim Assistance

Video presentation
Mr. Peter Van Den Auweraert, Global Lead Transitional Justice and Post-Crisis Land Issues, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Geneva

Open debate
Simultaneous interpretation will be available in English and Spanish