Czech Republic

General Debate

*Speaker: H.E. Mr. Martin Smolek, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs*

Cooperation: the Court and its States Parties should take into account the larger spectrum of relevant actors, involving the UNSC.

Complementarity: The complementarity principle should be upheld in the case of regional Courts.

The Czech Republic deposited the instruments of ratification of both Kampala Amendments in March 2015 and strongly encourages the early activation of the crime of aggression.

Regarding the issue of efficiency and effectiveness of court proceedings, the ICC should learn from practices of ad hoc tribunals of the UNSC and the question of the ‘economy of judicial proceedings’ should be discussed during the ASP. The Court should fulfill its mandate in a cost-efficient and transparent manner despite the heavier workload. The Czech Republic will contribute to the Trust Fund for Victims.

**Supplementary Items Debate (Proposals Kenya)**

The Czech Republic acknowledges that States Parties have the right to bring matters before the ASP but emphasizes that they must not trespass the judicial independence of the Court. The ASP’s main task is to provide management oversight regarding the administration of the Court, and this oversight function should not interfere with the conduct of judicial processes. Therefore the Czech Republic cannot accept the proposal submitted by Kenya.