Finland

General Debate

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Budget: Because of the increased case load, the Court needs to be adequately funded to achieve the levels of effectiveness or efficiency requested by many States Parties. Finland makes annual contributions to the Trust Fund for Victims.

Cooperation: States Parties need to comply with the ICC as the number of outstanding arrest warrants remains high. The UNSC has a major role in making the Court more effective as the Council should refer the situation to the Court if a non-State Party is not willing to investigate and prosecute atrocity crimes committed in its territory.

Finland is at the last stages of ratifying the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute.

Special Session on Complementarity

Victims should be at the core of the functioning of the Court.

Special Session on Cooperation

Finland currently has two voluntary agreements with the Court. The Court provided very good model agreements, therefore, the drafting process was not time consuming at all. This also facilitated the design of national procedures, and expertise was provided when issues were raised.