Germany

General Debate

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Germany has ratified the Kampala Amendments in June 2013. Germany invites all States to engage in dialogue to meet any concerns that are expressed by some States with regard to the Amendments.

Budget: In the Course of the yearly Assemblies of States Parties the budget discussion has absorbed too much attention. The Court needs the necessary resources, while giving due respect to the fact that the Court’s workload is to a large extent being determined by outside factors. Germany has voiced its concerns over the assumption that additional budgetary resources lead by themselves to improved quality of work. Germany asks for full transparency during the Court’s efforts to reorganize its structures as well as leaner and more flexible structures as a result.

With regard to geographical representation, Germany notes that certain States Parties are indeed heavily underrepresented.