Iceland

General Debate

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Iceland welcomes the State of Palestine as the newest member to the ICC.

Iceland is in the process of ratifying the Kampala Amendments and expects that process to be concluded this spring.

Cooperation: In light of the many outstanding arrest warrants Iceland calls for States Parties to fully cooperate and assist the Court. Iceland welcomes a good cooperation between the ICC and the UN system as referrals from the UNSC are essential, since some pressing situations take place in non-ICC-Member States.

Complementarity: Iceland welcomes the increased focus on sexual and gender based violence and reiterates the importance of victims at the core of the functioning of the ICC, for example through the Trust Fund for Victims.