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General Debate

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With a growing caseload, demand for the Court’s services to make it necessary to stretch limited resources to a maximum. We commend the endeavors of the Registrar through the ReVision project to this end.

Confidence in and high expectations of the ICC must be complemented with sufficient financial resources, and it is our responsibilities as States Parties to ensure that this is put in place as the judicial and investigative workload of the Court is increasing.

As chair of the Working Group of Amendment, Norway has the great pleasure to be able to report that the Working Group has achieved consensus on recommending to the ASP the deletion of Article 124.

We urge all States to comply with their legal obligations under Security Council resolutions 1593 and 1970 concerning the situations in Darfur and Libya, and to refrain from engaging in non-essential contacts with individuals who are under arrest warrants from the Court.

We approach the opportunity for dialogue that the ASP provides with full respect for the integrity of the Statute and the independence of the Court.