Poland

General Debate

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Poland commends the Prosecutor for the steps she has taken in the Mali situation to investigate attacks against religious buildings and historic monuments, including World Heritage sites.

As the Court’s caseload increases, it is our responsibility to provide it with sufficient resources to function effectively. The Assembly’s decision on financial matters should no undermine the ICC’s ability to deliver justice. On the other hand, the Court’s activities must be based on careful financial assessment, and take into account limited financial capabilities of the States.

Poland wants to underline that a full and prompt cooperation with the Court is vital for delivering universal justice; the refusal to comply with arrest warrants constitutes a violation of international obligations and an obstruction of justice.

Poland contributes to the Trust Fund for Victims and calls on other Parties to follow suit.

It is our, that is to say state’s, responsibility to develop domestic capacities of our judicial systems, and to give the necessary assistance and support to other States Parties. In this context we welcome the positive dynamic in terms of complementarity regarding the situation in Guinea.

Poland supports the solutions set out in the Action Plan – Towards Universality of the Rome Statute prepared by the Informal Ministerial Network for the ICC.