Romania

General Debate

Speaker: H.E. Ms. Ireny Comaroschi, Ambassador to the Netherlands

Cooperation: Romania urges all states to enhance their efforts to cooperate with the Court, including with respect to outstanding arrest warrants.

Universality remains, from our perspective, the most powerful preventive approach to war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity. We continue to encourage all States to become parties to the Rome Statute.

Complementarity: The effective implementation is particularly important for the potential of the Rome Statute to render justice, to be fully achieved.

Supplementary items: We are ready to listen to the concerns and engage in an open and constructive dialogue, while fully taking into account the necessity of not affecting the independence of the Court in the conduct of its judicial and prosecutorial functions. All parties must refrain from interfering in the judicial process, while the highest standards of fair trial must be ensured.

New premises: We feel the need for more clarity and predictability on the necessary payments which member States must contribute for the financing of the permanent premises of the ICC since States must take informed decisions on the basis of an analysis of the options and of the anticipated residual obligations.

Budget: Romania is aware of the importance of ensuring sufficient financial resources for sustainable functioning of the Court as an independent judicial body. At the same time, it is also essential to ensure a thoughtful budget management.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to the members of the non-governmental organizations in the field, for their constant and tireless involvement in supporting the activity of the ICC, in promoting its scope and its universal values.