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General Debate

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We renew our call on the UN Security Council to refer the situation in Syria to the ICC and call on Iraq to accede to the Rome Statute, as a matter of priority.

Complementarity: As a co-focal point for complementarity together with Botswana, Sweden has a special responsibility for joint efforts. This year we have facilitated two workshops on national level in Guatemala and Uganda, where participants exchanged experiences and practices in the investigation and prosecution of sexual and gender-based crimes.

Cooperation: It is crucial that States offer their full cooperation to the Court without which it cannot fulfill its important mandate. Voluntary agreements play a key role in this regard. We urge all States Parties to enter into such agreements in order to share responsibility and enable the Court to work effectively.