The Netherlands

General Debate

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It is very important that the ASP strives for universal adherence to the Rome Statute.

Complementarity: it is essential that each country does its best to improve national judicial systems. The Netherlands, among other countries, is committed to and active in the field of mutual legal assistance for the national investigation and prosecution of international crimes.

Cooperation: with no territory, no police or penitentiary facilities it is clear that the ICC depends on the State Parties for the implementation of its mandate. The Netherlands highly values the Trust Fund for Victims and the Special Fund for Relocation at the Registry and will therefore contribute 175,000€ to each of these funds.

Importance of ReVision. The organization of the early years does not suffice anymore, adaptation to new challenges is indispensable.

The Netherlands is committed to continue giving full support as a host state.

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A conviction pronounced by the Court is often mistakenly understood as the end of the Court’s procedures, while the protection and relocation of victims, witnesses and/or released persons in the final stages should not be overlooked. Aware of the importance of cooperation on these issues, the Netherlands has decided to support the Fund for Relocation.