Uruguay

General Debate

Speaker: H.E. Mr. Álvaro Moerzinger, Ambassador to the Netherlands

As a recently elected non-permanent member of the Security Council, Uruguay would like to reaffirm its commitment to the ICC.

Universality: Uruguay calls upon all States that have not yet ratified to do so as soon as possible. Uruguay welcomes the recent accession of Palestine and the various ratifications of the Kampala Amendments over the last year.

Cooperation: Although the Assembly has defined 66 modalities of cooperation, we consider that the compliance with warrants for arrest and surrender is a major priority. Therefore we call upon all States Parties to comply with these obligations.

The Assembly needs to focus on substantive issues and identify before each session the most relevant topics in order to find concrete solutions, given the time required for these tasks. There is also need to technically strengthen the Secretariat of the Assembly, allowing alternate meetings in its two locations, taking into account their specific competencies, reduce the number of reports emerging from this Assembly, and improve the process of examining procedural amendments.

Budget: the budget must be elaborated in conformity with "One Court" principle; inconsistencies and overlaps between the different organs of the Court must be eliminated. We welcome the announcement of the host country to cover certain costs of the Assembly to alleviate the budget, and hope this gesture will be extended to other financial necessities of the Court.