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Concept Note

Cooperation plenary session for the seventeenth session of the Assembly of States Parties

7 December 2018

20 years after Rome: Back to the major challenges of cooperation

The work program of the co-facilitators, in accordance with the mandate set out in the resolution on cooperation[1] as well as in the omnibus resolution[2], outlined the following priorities for 2018: arrests; the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Rome Statute; the relationship of the Court with the United Nations and the Security Council; and the monitoring of the implementation of priorities for 2017, including voluntary agreements and the Paris Declaration on financial investigations and asset recovery.

For the plenary session on cooperation of the seventeenth session of the Assembly of States Parties, the co-facilitators chose to highlight three main topics.

Segment I: *Financial investigations: follow up on the Paris declaration*

The objective of this first segment is to provide information about ongoing initiatives in the field of financial investigations, a major topic discussed and debated at the Paris Conference on 20 October 2017. This Conference led to the development of the Paris Declaration, subsequently annexed to the resolution on cooperation at the sixteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties in New York in 2017.

Segment II: *Arrests: follow up on The Hague Seminar conclusions*

The second segment of the cooperation plenary session aims to give an overview of the 7 November 2018 seminar entitled "Arrests: a key challenge in the fight against impunity". The aim of the seminar was to discuss ways of strengthening cooperation for arresting persons suspected of committing crimes within the mandate of the Court. The seminar addressed key issues from the proceedings leading to the issuance of a warrant of arrest to its implementation. The seminar brought together national and international actors, including practitioners and representatives of civil society. The co-facilitators were able to draw some concrete proposals which are included in the Bureau report on cooperation of 2018. Following the presentations of the various panellists, the participants will be able to express their views on this subject in particular, or on cooperation in a more general way.

[1] ICC-ASP/16/Res.2.
[2] ICC ASP/16/Res.6, including annex I.

Segment III: ***Voluntary Agreements: Feedback and future prospects***

This third and last segment will allow the monitoring of this priority which was identified in 2017. It will provide an opportunity for States Parties to share their national experience and to show, where appropriate, their willingness to sign voluntary agreements. This plenary will conclude with the signing of an agreement on the execution of sentences by Slovenia.

Signing ceremony on enforcement of sentences

President O-Gon Kwon will preside over the signing. Vice-President Robert Fremr and the State Secretary at the Ministry of Law of Slovenia, Mrs. Dominika Švarc Pipan will sign the agreement.

Format (3 hours total):

Participants will be able to register on a list in order to be able to intervene at the end of the second segment.[3] Speakers are requested to limit their speeches to three minutes.

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[3] Requests for inscription should be sent to the Secretariat by Tuesday 4 December 2018 at: aspcooperation@gmail.com, and copied to the following address: legal.la-haye-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr