







In 2004, our institutions concluded a Relationship Agreement based on a shared belief that justice is a goal in its own right and essential for achieving peace, security and human rights. The Relationship Agreement has proven to be a solid foundation for our cooperation. Over the years, the United Nations has supported the Court's work by providing both substantive and logistical assistance. This assistance has included the provision of administrative and logistical support to the ICC for its meetings and field missions; facilitating interviews and testimonies of UN personnel in proceedings before the Court; and providing documents and information relevant to the Court's activities.

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Twenty years after the entry into force of the Rome Statute, the ICC, as any solid long-term project, remains “a work in progress”. Its work, and in particular the judicial decisions, are the focus of the attention of the international community. The enduring value of the Court will be assessed in light of its capacity to react and to adjust itself to the many challenges that it faces. In this regard, the strength of the Court also depends on the support it gets from you, the States Parties.

The abiding challenge for the Court remains to realize its full potential in its fight to end impunity and build a just and more peaceful world. In this regard, the United Nations is committed to continue to support the work of the Court and looks forward to witnessing its growth as it solidifies its position as the centerpiece of the international criminal justice system.

Thank you.

