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Mr. Chairman,

The International Criminal Court has entered a new phase in its evolution, a full operational phase. It has two situations before it, the situation in Uganda and the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It has opened investigation with respect to both these situations and the Prosecutor expects to have at least one full trial in the year 2005, begin a second and carry out two new investigations.

The International Criminal Court is however very much in need of our continued commitment, which can only be displayed by ensuring that it has the resources it needs to carry out successful investigations and prosecutions. We as State Parties to the Statute of the Court must meet our assessed contributions fully and on time. The international community is also encourage to make voluntary contributions to the Court and to the Victims Trust Fund of the Court.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation welcomes the relationship agreement signed between the International Criminal Court and the United Nations as we see the need for a continued close working relationship between the Court and the United Nations and also with all the Member States of the United Nations. To this end, my delegation urges the United Nations Security Council to make use of the authority granted to it by the Statute of the International Criminal Court to make referrals to the Court as appropriate.

Mr. Chairman,

We are encouraged by the number of ratifications to the Statute of the International Criminal Court, which has now reached 97 States and are confident that by the next Assembly of State Parties this number would have grown to more than 100. We take this opportunity to encourage those States that have yet not ratified to do so.

Mr. Chairman,

South Africa is a committed supporter of the International Criminal Court and deeply shares the hope it holds for victims of crimes against humanity that it will contribute to putting an end to impunity for international crimes and deter would be perpetrators of these heinous crimes.

Thank you.