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### **Agenda Item 74: “Report of the International Criminal Court”**

**Statement by Adi Khair, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission**

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**Madame President,**

Allow me, on behalf of my delegation, to warmly welcome the President of the Court, Judge Philippe Kirsch, and to thank him for his report submitted to the General Assembly.

Two years ago, the President of the Court and the Secretary-General of the United Nations concluded the Relationship Agreement between the Court and the United Nations; a relationship which has matured since, and one which will continue to strengthen as the requirements made upon the Court likewise continue to mount. In this context, my delegation offers its deepest gratitude to Secretary-General Kofi Annan for the tremendous support given by him and his organization to the ICC, and it is our earnest wish that his successor will follow in the same footsteps as Mr. Annan – the world can afford no less.

Today, as we review the most recent annual report of the Court, we are mindful of the continued suffering caused to victims in many areas of conflict around the globe; suffering as a consequence of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. It has become more important than ever that the United Nations places victims, and their plight, at the centre of all its considerations.

**Madame President,**

Jordan welcomes the Court’s report submitted to the General Assembly containing the main developments in the Court’s activities for the past year, including the unsealing of the first arrest warrants by the Court and the first proceedings against an accused which marks a turning point in the history of the

Court. Jordan values the efforts of the office of the Prosecutor, and commends the Court's efforts in developing understanding and awareness of its role and activities in relation to both proceedings and investigations among local populations in situation areas.

Jordan takes note with satisfaction of the first version of the Court's strategic plan adopted early this year, and is pleased with the developments of relevance to the relationship between the court and the United Nations especially in information sharing and international co-operation, and in this regard Jordan welcomes the establishment of the Court's Liaison office in New York.

**Madame President,**

Jordan is aware of the difficult conditions on the ground under which the Court has to work. Jordan calls upon all states, relevant regional organizations and UN operations to engage positively with the Court and to provide it with the necessary support in the field, and to help the Court carry out its mandate by providing it with the necessary operational assistance.

Jordan reaffirms its continuous support of the ICC due to its conviction of the purposes of its creation. Jordan also believes that a functional and effective International Criminal Court, whose statute is always respected, is the national interest of every state.

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