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Assembly of States Parties concludes its eighteenth session

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The Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court ("the Assembly") held its eighteenth session from 2 to 6 December 2019 at the World Forum Convention Center in The Hague. The Assembly was attended by States Parties, observer States, invited States, international and regional organizations and representatives of civil society.

The session was chaired by the President of the Assembly, H.E. Mr. O-Gon Kwon.

The Assembly elected six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance for a three-year term and a member to fill a vacancy. The Assembly also elected a member of the Advisory Committee on nominations of judges.

The Assembly held its general debate, which was enriched by the presence of some ministers, international organizations and representatives of civil society. The Assembly held two thematic plenary sessions on cooperation and the review of the Court. Numerous side events, including many organized by civil society, were also held during the session.

The Assembly adopted seven resolutions by consensus on: amendments to article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, cooperation, the nomination and election of judges, the proposed programme budget for 2020, the remuneration of judges, review of the International Criminal Court and the Rome Statute system, and strengthening the International Criminal Court and the Assembly of States Parties.

The Assembly also adopted the 2020 programme budget of the Court totalling \notin 149,205.6 and a staffing level of 973.

The nineteenth session of the Assembly will be held from 7 to 17 December 2020 in New York.

Further information about the session can be found at the <u>website</u> of the Assembly.

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