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Estonia aligns itself with the statement delivered earlier by the EU.

In addition I would like to make the following statement:

should ensure that adequate support and follow up is consistently provided.

However, States must also acknowledge that it is first and foremost their responsibility to develop national capacities to investigate and prosecute serious international crimes. States should cooperate in designing development programmes that focus on justice for these crimes. Justice is necessary for sustainable development and security in post-conflict society. Impunity provides fertile ground for the recurrence of conflicts and breeds instability. Consistent prosecution, either domestically or internationally, is the most effective tool to combat international crimes.

In this regard, Estonia welcomes the report “A New Global Partnership: Eradicate Poverty and Transform Economies through Sustainable Development” issued in May by the High Level Panel of Experts in 2015. The report recognized that responsive institutions promoting the rule of law and access to justice are necessary for transformative shifts enabling development and to “build peace