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DEBATE ON THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDUAL MECHANISM FOR CRIMINAL  
TRIBUNALS (IRMCT)

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REPRESENTATIVE

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1. Thank you Mr. President
2. I thank Judge Carmel Agius, President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals and Mr. Serge Brammertz, Prosecutor of the Mechanism for their briefing and detailed reports.
3. President, Kenya acknowledges the important work of the Mechanism in the service of justice and accountability for war crimes. I reaffirm our continued support and cooperation within the Mechanism's mandate as renewed by resolution 2529.
4. We commend the Mechanism for ensuring the continuation of work including by putting in place working precautionary arrangements in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. The three judgements lined up for this month, including the judgement issued this morning in the Mladic case, are indicative of the invested efforts by the mechanism, even during this time of the pandemic.
6. Kenya acknowledges the Mechanism's reported improved tracking capability which we recall enabled the arrest of Felicien Kabuga after a long search that was beset by lots of misinformation. We hope this growing capability will also help in accurately tracking and apprehending the remaining fugitives.
7. We urge that the trial be conducted expeditiously to help provide closure for survivors and families of victims, which is important in the wholesome reconciliation process.
8. Kenya further notes the Mechanism's report on requests for assistance from national jurisdictions. We encourage the Mechanism to continue engaging with relevant members and partners in cases where it has sought cooperation.
9. Finally, we laud and encourage the Mechanism's continued improvement of its legal and regulatory framework. Specifically, we note the ongoing implementation from the Secretary-General's bulletin on discrimination, harassment, including sexual harassment and abuse of authority. This is important, especially for institutions that stand for justice, fairness and equality.
10. I thank you.