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

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STATEMENT DELIVERED BY MS. JAYNE TOROITICH, POLITICAL COORDINATOR

Thank you Mr. President.

1. I thank Judge Carmel Agius, President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals and Mr. Serge Brammertz, the Prosecutor, for their briefing and assessments of the progress of work of the Mechanism.
2. We note that this is the last appearance of Judge Agius before the Council in his capacity as President of the mechanism. My delegation, therefore pays tribute to him for his service as President and wishes him success as he continues to serve the Mechanism as judge.
3. I welcome the presence of the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Rwanda and Serbia in this meeting.

4. Kenya supports the work of the Mechanism as established under resolution 1966 and renewed by resolution 2529 of 2020.
5. Mr. President, the purpose of the Mechanism in taking up residual functions of the two Criminal Tribunals is critical in our collective responsibility to ensure accountability for war crimes and genocide.
6. We are persuaded that states need to invest more in preventive processes and mechanisms, and encourage international support in this regard. One of the best ways to strengthen prevention is through mainstreaming inclusive national dialogue into national processes.
7. Therefore, we underscore the importance of the national authorities maintaining a firm grip in the lead of conflict prevention and ensuring accountability. States should therefore be encouraged and supported as may be necessary to strengthen their judiciaries.

Mr. President,

8. We, have taken note of the report of the evaluation of the methods and work of the mechanism by the Office of Internal Oversight Services in line with resolution 2529. We also note the report on the implementation of the recommendations from the last evaluation.

9. We acknowledge the commendable strides the Mechanism has made towards the completion of its judicial work under the mandate coming to a close. We also acknowledge that this has been accomplished largely under constrained working arrangements due to the pandemic.
10. The completion of the judicial work is instrumental in providing a level of closure to survivors and families of victims. This would play an important role in promoting reconciliation which is necessary in both prevention and healing.
11. Mr. President, this should also respond to the Security Council's vision of the Mechanism as a "small, temporary and efficient structure, whose functions and size will diminish over time".
12. We therefore urge a speedy completion of the remaining cases including that of Felicien Kabuga, especially now that he has been determined fit to stand trial. We call on all states to cooperate with the Mechanism to apprehend the remaining fugitives to enable this.
13. In conclusion Mr. President, Kenya reaffirms its support for the work of the Mechanism and would be supporting the renewal of its mandate while encouraging the speedy conclusion of its work.

I thank you.