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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU remains a steadfast supporter of international criminal justice, particularly the International Criminal Court (ICC), in its mission to ensure accountability for the most serious crimes under international law.

The EU has consistently called upon all States to ensure full cooperation with the ICC to comply with their obligations under international law and as State Parties to the Rome Statute, including by the prompt execution of outstanding arrest warrants, and to protect the Court's impartiality and independence in the pursuit of accountability around the world.

The EU will continue to cooperate with the ICC in the framework of their Agreement on cooperation and assistance¹, including, pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement, by adopting initiatives to promote the dissemination of the principles, values and provisions of the Statute.

Article 127 of the Rome Statute allows for states to withdraw from the ICC, by written notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the UN. However, withdrawal takes effect one year after notification of the depositary. The withdrawing State is obliged to continue fulfilling its obligations (financial obligations and obligations of cooperation with the ICC).

In this context, the EU notes that the government of Hungary recently announced its intention to reverse the decision to withdraw from the Rome Statute, and that Parliament voted on 27 May 2026 on a bill to revoke Hungary's withdrawal from the ICC, which was notified by Hungary to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 29 May 2026.

¹ [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22006A0428\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22006A0428(01)).