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The Commission firmly supports the International Criminal Court (ICC) and its essential role in upholding international criminal justice and combating impunity.

Since 2000, the EU has supported the ICC through direct funding for outreach activities, global civil society campaigns and projects to promote the ratification of the Rome Statute, as well as through training and capacity building. The EU is committed to preserving the ICC's independence and integrity. The Commission is facilitating all appropriate measures that could help ensure the continuity of the ICC's operations and its ability to fulfil its mandate. For each measure, the Commission, in close contact with the ICC, EU Member States and relevant stakeholders, is carefully assessing its necessity, proportionality, effectiveness and relevant legal and practical implications.

Activation of the Blocking Statute is amongst the measures available. At this stage, however, the Commission considers that diplomatic efforts and dialogue remain the most effective course of action to ensure the continuity of the ICC's operations.

The Commission is under no obligation to publish an assessment of the relevance of amending the Annex to the Blocking Statute. However, the Commission will continue to monitor developments closely and stands ready, as appropriate, to engage with all stakeholders.