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ICC Prosecutor is working with the Russian Federation to promote justice for all victims of Georgian conflict - OTP and Russian Federation pledge co-operation at conclusion of Moscow visit

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OTP Delegation meets with senior officials of the Russian Federation
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A delegation from the Office of ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo today wound up a two day programme of meetings with senior Russian officials, confirming its full support for any genuine proceedings on the alleged crimes committed during the armed conflict in South Ossetia, Georgia in August 2008, including alleged attacks against civilians as well as against forces who were acting as part of a peace keeping mission.

“In the criminal justice system established in Rome, States have the primary responsibility to investigate and prosecute. As in all the situations, we have offered to support in every possible way efforts by the Russian judiciary to do justice for all victims of these crimes” said Prosecutor Moreno-Ocampo. “This is positive complementarity at work”.

The Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) visit took place 8 -10 March at the invitation of the Russian Federation. It is the first visit of an OTP delegation to the Russian Federation. It occurred in the context of the preliminary examination into the situation in Georgia, announced by the Prosecutor on 20 August, 2008.

The programme included notably meetings with senior officials of the Office of the Prosecutor General and the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, the Ministries of Defence and Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and other key judicial and government actors.

