

Welcoming Remarks of Ms. Gabrielle McIntyre, Chair of the Board

Launch of the Gender Report Card on the ICC 2014

Delegates and distinguished guests, and other colleagues in the international justice community.

It is my pleasure to welcome you this evening to the launch of the 2014 *Gender Report Card on the International Criminal Court*. My name is Gabrielle McIntyre, and I am the newly-appointed Chair of the Board of the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice.

This is a particularly significant moment for the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice.

The organization, building on the Women's Caucus for Gender Justice, was established in 2004 and this year marks our ten year anniversary. Correspondingly, tonight, the Women's Initiatives is celebrating the production of its 10th Edition of the *Gender Report Card on the ICC*.

For the past decade, the Court, States Parties, the international justice community, and our more than 6,000 grassroots partners, associates and members have contributed to and benefitted from the work of the Women's Initiatives, including the insight contained within the pages of this publication. Insight into the challenges faced by the ICC in the pursuit of accountability for sexual and gender-based crimes, and how such challenges might be overcome, as well as the milestones reached in advancing gender-inclusive justice before the Court.

We are happy for the opportunity to celebrate this occasion with all of you, which attests to the steadfast commitment of the staff of the Women's Initiatives, as well as its partners, associates, members and allies, in pursuit of these goals – which we all share.

I would now like to welcome to the podium the Executive Director of the Women's Initiatives, Brigid Inder, who will introduce this year's *Gender Report Card on the ICC* and highlight some of the significant gender justice developments at the Court this year.
