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**Proposal submitted by France concerning Part 4 of the  
Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, on  
jurisdiction, admissibility and applicable law (numbering  
based on the Mont Tremblant document:  
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**Proposal based on footnote 5**

**Rule 4.10**

1. No change
2. No change

**New subrule 3**

(a) In relation to victims, the Registrar shall also be responsible for the performance of following functions in accordance with the Statute and the Rules of Procedure and Evidence:

- (i) Provide notice to victims or their legal representatives;
- (ii) Assist them in organizing their legal representation and provide their legal representatives with adequate support, assistance and information, including such facilities as may be necessary for the direct performance of their duty.

(b) In relation to victims and witnesses, the Registrar shall be responsible for the performance of the following functions in accordance with the Statute and the Rules of Procedure and Evidence:

- (i) Inform victims and witnesses of their rights under the Statute and the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, and of the existence, functions and availability of the Victims and Witnesses Unit;
  - (ii) Assist victims in participating in the different phases of the proceedings;
  - (iii) Assist victims in obtaining legal advice and assistance for the purpose of protecting their rights during all stages of the proceedings;
  - (iv) Take gender-sensitive measures to facilitate the participation at all stages of the Court proceedings of victims of sexual violence.
- (c) In respect of witnesses, victims who appear before the Court and others who are at risk on account of testimony given by such witnesses, the functions referred to in subparagraph (b) shall be performed by the Victims and Witnesses Unit.

**Subrule 3 becomes subrule 4<sup>1</sup>**

As a result of the changes to Rule 4.10, subrules 2 (a) (i), (vi), (vii), (viii) and 2 (b) (iii) of Rule 4.13 can be deleted.

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to the addition of a subrule reflecting footnote 6, which does not pose any difficulties for France.