

SECRETARIAT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Fourteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties

Plenary session: Note on the specific item on the efficiency and effectiveness of court proceedings on the agenda of the 14th session of the Assembly of States Parties of the Rome Statute*

Decisions of the 13th session of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP)

At the 13th session of the ASP in 2014, States Parties declared the efficiency and effectiveness of ICC proceedings a priority when it comes to strengthening the Rome Statute system. The omnibus resolution contains several paragraphs in relation to this issue.¹ Concretely, States Parties...

- ... emphasized the relevance of efficiency and effectiveness of proceedings;
- ... welcomed the Court's efforts in this field and encouraged it to intensify them including by adopting further changes of practice; and
- requested the Court to intensify its efforts to develop qualitative and quantitative indicators.

The ASP also decided "*to include a specific item on the efficiency and effectiveness of Court proceedings on the agenda of the fourteenth session of the Assembly with a view to strengthening the Rome Statute system*".²

The programme of work for the 14th session of the ASP includes a three hour plenary session for this item: 15:00 to 18:00 hours on Tuesday 24 November.

Programme for the plenary session on the efficiency and effectiveness of Court proceedings

The plenary session will involve a panel discussion focused on the efficiency and effectiveness of ICC proceedings.

Ambassador María Teresa Infante Caffi (Chile) and Ambassador Masaru Tsuji (Japan), co-Chairs of the Study Group on Governance, will chair the panel discussion. Professor Carsten Stahn (University of Leiden), an expert in international criminal procedures, will make some introductory remarks.

Subsequently, the President and Prosecutor of the ICC will present their respective efforts in this area. Then a representative of Human Rights Watch, Mr Richard Dicker, Director, International Justice Programme, would present his views on this matter.

There will be an opportunity for comment and questions, during which States Parties and other stakeholders will have an opportunity to make their views heard. A speaker's registration list is now open for this purpose. Each speaker will be allocated up to three minutes for an intervention in reaction to the presentations of the panellists.

Finally, Professor Stahn will make some concluding remarks.

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¹ See the annex for the relevant extracts of ICC-ASP/13/Res.5, 17 December 2014.

² ICC-ASP/13/Res.5, annex I, OP 7(c).

The tentative times allocated for each intervention are as follows:

- Welcome by Ambassador of Chile (3 minutes)
- Introductory remarks by Professor Carsten Stahn (15 minutes)
- Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, President of the ICC (20 minutes)
- Ms. Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the ICC (20 minutes)
- Mr. Richard Dicker, Human Rights Watch (20 minutes)
- Comments and questions from States Parties (1 hour 30 minutes)
- Concluding remarks from Professor Carsten Stahn (10 minutes)
- Closing by Ambassador of Japan (3 minutes)

Outcome

1. The plenary discussion will be reflected in the omnibus resolution of the 14th session of the ASP.
2. A summary of the discussion will be published on the ASP website.

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