



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Twelfth meeting

The Hague

5 December 2019

Agenda and decisions

1. Preparations for the eighteenth session of the Assembly

a) Credentials Committee

The Bureau agreed to recommend that the Assembly appoint South Africa to the Credentials Committee, pursuant to rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties.

b) Appointment of a Rapporteur

The Bureau agreed to recommend that the Assembly appoint Mr. Mamadou Racine Ly (Senegal) as Rapporteur for the eighteenth session.

c) Organization of work

(i) Programme of work

The Bureau approved the revised programme of work, dated 4 December 2019.

2. Review of the Court

A Vice President of the Assembly, Ambassador Jens-Otto Horslund (Denmark), provided an update on the draft resolution entitled “Review of the International Criminal Court and the Rome Statute system” and the draft Terms of Reference for the Independent Expert Review.

Negotiations on the draft Terms of Reference had been finalized, and consultations on an outstanding paragraph of the draft resolution were on-going. Both the resolution and the Terms of Reference would refer to the budget resolution which would contain decisions on the funding of the expert review. Once the consultations on the draft resolution were finalized, the Presidency would circulate it with a very brief period for comments, following which the resolution would be introduced in the plenary on 6 December.

3. Independent Expert Review-recommendation on the appointment of independent experts

The President described the process which the Presidency had followed in the preparation of the list of experts and the challenges that it had faced. Bureau members thanked the Presidency for its efforts in the preparation of the list of experts and expressed understanding for the difficulties experienced. The need for high quality experts with strong expertise who could assist the Assembly and the Court in their endeavours was highlighted. Bureau members hoped for a positive outcome which would help the Court in the challenges it was facing.

The Bureau endorsed the list of experts, which would be included as an annex to the draft resolution on the Review of the Court.

4. Other matters

a) Status of draft resolutions discussed during the eighteenth session

The Bureau took note that the following reports had been adopted by the Bureau on 1 December 2019, under respective silence procedures:

- (i) Report to the Bureau on the review of the procedure for the nomination and election of judges;¹ and
- (ii) Report of the Working Group on the Revision of the Judges' Remuneration.²

The respective draft resolutions would be introduced in the plenary on 6 December.

b) Communication from the Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism

The Bureau took note of the confidential 4 December 2019 letter from the Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism addressed to the President.

c) Agenda and decisions of the eleventh meeting of the Bureau

The Bureau adopted the agenda and decisions of its eleventh meeting, held on 28 November 2019.

d) Distribution of seats on the Bureau

Some Bureau members expressed their wish to have a discussion on the regional distribution of seats on the Bureau at future Bureau meetings.

e) Invitation to the State of Palestine to attend the final Bureau meeting

The Bureau agreed to invite the State of Palestine to attend the final Bureau meeting of the eighteenth session as an observer, to enable it to be more readily informed, as an incoming Bureau member, of the Bureau's work for 2020.³

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¹ ICC-ASP/18/31.

² ICC-ASP/18/33.

³ The meeting was postponed to 2020.