



**BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES**

**Eighth meeting**

*via WebEx remote-link*

1 October 2020

Agenda and decisions

*The meeting was chaired by the President of the Assembly, Mr. O-Gon Kwon. The Vice Presidents of the Assembly, Ambassador Jens-Otto Horslund (Denmark) and Ambassador Michal Mlynár (Slovakia) also participated.*

**1. Preparations for the nineteenth session of the Assembly**

*a) Contingency planning*

Further to the letter by the President of the Assembly disseminated on 22 September 2020 and draft decision contained therein, and the comments received from States Parties, the Bureau continued consideration of the agenda item and the way forward.

The President thanked the Bureau members for their flexibility and unity and put forward a proposal on the responsible way forward.

The Bureau agreed to the following proposal by the President:

*If the conference room and servicing in New York do not become available before 10 October 2020, the Bureau authorizes the Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly to proceed with a contract for The Hague from 14 to 16 December 2020. The session shall be held in a format as hybrid as possible to enable all States Parties and civil society to participate.*

Furthermore, the suggestion was made that the President write a letter to the United Nations authorities to receive written confirmation on the feasibility of having the necessary conference rooms and provision of substantive servicing by UN staff at UN Headquarters in December 2020.

**2. Other matters**

*a) Report of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges*

The Bureau took note that the Advisory Committee on Nomination of Judges had issued its report on the work of its seventh session on 30 September 2020, in accordance with the extended deadline set by the Bureau.

The President thanked the members of the Committee for completing their task despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. He encouraged all States Parties to

pay due attention to the contents of the report of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges.

*b) Depositary notification*

The Bureau took note that, on 16 September 2020, the United Nations Secretary General, as Depositary of the Rome Statute, had issued Depositary notification C.N.394.2020<sup>1</sup> relating to the amendment to article 8 of the Rome Statute, adopted by resolution ICC-ASP/18/Res.5.

The President encouraged all States Parties to ratify the amendment as soon as possible.

*c) Election of the Prosecutor- the way forward*

The President indicated that a Bureau meeting dedicated to the agenda item “Election of the Prosecutor- the way forward” would be held in the following week.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/CN/2020/CN.394.2020-Eng.pdf>