



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Eleventh meeting

9 December 2021

Agenda and decisions

The meeting was chaired by the President of the Assembly, Ms. Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi (Argentina). Vice-President Ambassador Kateřina Sequensová (Czech Republic) also participated.¹

1. Twentieth session of the Assembly

a) Consideration of work programme

The Bureau approved the modified programme of work for the twentieth session.

b) ACN elections

Further to its prior consideration of this agenda item, the President informed the Bureau that there had been no agreement in the Eastern European group. She had also attempted to assist in resolving the issue.

The Bureau discussed the options for proceeding with the election of the member of the Advisory Committee from Eastern Europe by secret ballot, bearing in mind article 112, paragraph 7, of the Rome Statute and rule 61 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties. The President noted the importance of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges to the strengthening of the Court, and recalled recommendation 380² of the Group of Independent Experts concerning the Advisory Committee.

The President stated that she would report to the Assembly at the end of the seventh plenary meeting that morning on the status of the issue, including the possibility of a vote by secret ballot.

¹ The meeting was held in-person, with one delegate per Bureau member. In accordance with the Bureau's practice, the following incoming Bureau members were invited to participate in the final meeting of the session as observers: Germany, Japan and Republic of Korea.

² R380: "The Working Group on Nomination and Election of Judges should consider whether it is now appropriate to review the qualifications for membership of the ACN." R380 is currently being considered by the relevant facilitation of the New York Working Group in accordance with the Comprehensive action plan, submitted by the Review Mechanism on 30 June 2021 and adopted by the Bureau on 28 July 2021.

