

**Twentieth session**

The Hague, 6-11 December 2021

**Report of the Working Group on the 2022 proposed
programme budget of the International Criminal Court****External audit, programme budget for 2022 and related
documents****A. Introduction**

1. The Assembly of States Parties had before it the 2022 proposed programme budget submitted by the Registrar of the International Criminal Court, on 16 August 2021,¹ the reports of the thirty-sixth² and thirty-seventh³ sessions of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the reports of the Audit Committee on its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions,⁴ the financial statements for the Court for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020,⁵ and the Trust Fund for Victims financial statements for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020.⁶ In addition, the Assembly had before it annex V of the report of the Committee on the work of its thirty-seventh session, in which the Court outlined the budgetary implications of the Committee's recommendations on the budgets of the major programmes.

2. The Assembly was provided with statements by the Registrar of the Court, Mr. Peter Lewis, the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Werner Druml, the Chair of the Audit Committee, Ms. Margaret Wambui Ngugi Shava, and the External Auditor (*la Cour des comptes* (France)).

3. The Working Group on the Programme Budget met on 9 December 2021. During the meeting, the draft resolution was considered and finalized.

4. The Working Group noted that, as a result of the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, there had been limited time available for informal consultations throughout 2021. The Coordinator of the Working Group therefore recommended that informal consultations in The Hague Working Group budget facilitation commence early in 2022, in order for all relevant issues to be considered in full.

¹ *Official Records ... Twentieth session ... 2021*, (ICC-ASP/20/20), vol. II, part A.

² *Ibid.*, part B.1.

³ *Ibid.*, part B.2.

⁴ Available on the website of the Assembly at http://asp.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/asp/AuditCommittee/.

⁵ *Ibid.*, part C.1.

⁶ *Ibid.*, part C.2.

B. External audit

5. The Assembly noted with appreciation the reports of the External Auditor and the related comments of the Committee, contained in the report on the work of its thirty-seventh session.

C. Amount of appropriation

6. The Court's 2022 proposed programme budget amounted to €162,395 thousand, including €3,585.1 thousand for Major Programme VII-2 (Host State Loan).

7. The Committee considered the Court's 2022 proposed programme budget at its thirty-seventh session and concluded that there were a number of areas where savings could be made. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that the budget allocation be reduced to a total of €155,564.9 thousand, including €3,585.1 thousand for Major Programme VII-2 (Host State Loan).

8. The Assembly approved a budget appropriation for 2022 of €154,855.0 thousand.

9. The Assembly noted that without Major Programme VII-2 (Host State Loan), the total level of assessed contributions for the 2022 programme budget amounted to €151,269.9 thousand.

D. Contingency Fund

10. The Assembly decided to maintain the notional level of the Contingency Fund at €7.0 million.

11. The Assembly authorized the Court to transfer funds between major programmes at year end if the costs of unforeseen activities could not be absorbed within one major programme while a surplus existed in other major programmes, to ensure that all appropriations for 2021 were exhausted before accessing the Contingency Fund.

E. Working Capital Fund

12. The Assembly took note of the recommendations of the Committee on Budget and Finance and decided that the Working Capital Fund for 2022 shall be established in the amount of €11.6 million. The Assembly also decided that the Court may only use the surplus funds and funds received from the payment of outstanding contributions to reach the established level of the Working Capital Fund.

F. Financing of appropriations for 2022

13. The Assembly resolved that, for 2022, the total assessed contributions amounted to €151,269.9 thousand.
