



**Ninth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
7 July 2008
Agenda and Decisions**

The President-elect of the Assembly, H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein), chaired the meeting

1. Tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute

The President-elect updated the Bureau on the programme and activities to mark the tenth anniversary of the Rome Statute, to be held in New York on 17 July 2008. Furthermore, he informed that, as part of the proceedings, the former President of Trinidad and Tobago, H.E. Mr. Arthur N.R. Robinson, would be honoured for his contribution to the cause of international criminal justice. Furthermore, it was agreed to request the Presidency of the Court to identify in the interim premises a room or hall that could carry the name of the former President in recognition of his commitment to the International Criminal Court.

The Bureau was also informed that a celebratory event to mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute was held on 3 July 2008, in The Hague, at the Peace Palace. It was organized jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, the Embassy of France and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court.

2. Resignation of the Coordinator of the New York Working Group

The Bureau was informed that on 5 June 2008, H.E. Mr. Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia (Samoa) informed the President of the Assembly of his resignation from the post of Coordinator of the New York Working Group. The Bureau was further informed that it would be preferable to wait for the constitution of the new Bureau before filling this post.

3. Report of the Chairman of the Oversight Committee

The Bureau took note of the letter dated 2 July 2008 from the Chairman of the Oversight Committee on permanent premises, H.E. Mr. Jorge Lomonaco (Mexico), by which he conveyed to the President of the Assembly the report of the Oversight Committee on the recruitment of the Project Director. The report, dated 2 July 2008, contained the decision of the Oversight Committee to select Mr. Hans Heemrood (The Netherlands) as the Project Director.

4. Other matters

a) Composition of the Bureau for the seventh to ninth sessions

The Bureau was informed by the respective focal points that the Group of Asian States and the Group of Eastern European States had nominated the following States Parties as Bureau members for the seventh to ninth sessions:

Asian Group: Japan, Jordan and Samoa

Eastern European Group: Estonia, Georgia, Romania and Slovenia

The focal points for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Others States updated the Bureau on their consultations towards identifying their respective regional groups' representatives on the Bureau. The President-elect requested the focal points for the remaining regional groups to continue their efforts in this regard, so that the composition of the future Bureau could be agreed on well in advance of the seventh session.

b) Election of the Deputy Registrar

The Bureau was informed that the Registrar will submit the short-list of candidates for Deputy-Registrar to the judges in July 2008. The plenary of judges would elect the Deputy Registrar, at a later date, in accordance with article 43, paragraph 4, of the Rome Statute and rule 12, paragraph 5, of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

c) Visit of the President-elect to The Hague

The President-elect informed the Bureau that he had visited The Hague on 23 and 24 June 2008, where he met with Court officials, members of the diplomatic community and others.

d) Decision of the Pre-trial Chamber of 20 June 2008 in the trial of Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui

The Bureau took note of the decision by the Pre-Trial Chamber on 20 June 2008, by which the Pre-Trial Chamber rejected the application of the Defences for Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui to order a stay of the proceedings.

e) Tentative dates for the second resumption of the seventh session of the Assembly

The Bureau was informed that the Secretariat had reserved conference facilities for the second resumption of the seventh session, i.e. from 6 to 10 April 2009. However, since Friday, 10 April 2009 is a United Nations holiday (Good Friday), no conference services would be available on that date. The United Nations has informed the Secretariat that it would be possible to reserve conference facilities for Monday, 13 April 2009.

The Bureau decided to tentatively schedule the second resumption of the seventh session from Monday, 6 April to Monday, 13 April 2009. The meetings of the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression would be held from Monday, 6 April to Thursday, 9 April 2009, as originally envisaged. A plenary meeting would be scheduled for Monday, 13 April 2009, for the adoption of the reports and any other business. In total, there would be ten meetings, spread out over five working days.

The Bureau requested the Secretariat to ensure that the dates do not conflict with meetings of the Sixth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, before confirming them.
