

International Criminal Court Assembly of States Parties

# Tenth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting 9 July 2009 Agenda and Decisions

The President of the Assembly, Ambassador Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein), chaired the meeting

### 1. Review Conference

## *a)* Letter of invitation to the Review Conference

The President indicated that, pursuant to article 123, paragraph 1, of the Rome Statute, the United Nations Secretary-General will, in the coming days, in his capacity as depositary of the Rome Statute, send a letter inviting States Parties and observer States to attend the Review Conference, to be held between 31 May and 11 June 2010 in Kampala, Uganda.

# b) Timeline for the formal submission of proposals

The Bureau recalled that in resolution ICC-ASP/7/Res.3 the Assembly decided that proposals for amendments to the Statute to be considered at the Review Conference should be discussed at the eighth session of the Assembly, with a view to promoting consensus and a well prepared Conference.

The Bureau agreed that States would require sufficient time to consider the proposals in advance of the eighth session of the Assembly and decided to propose 30 September 2009 as the deadline for the formal submission of proposals for amendments to the Rome Statute.

The dates for submission of proposals for amendments to the Statute would be communicated to States by the President of the Assembly.

### 2. Composition of Chambers

The Bureau took note of a letter, dated 23 June 2009, in which the President of the Court, Judge Sang-Hyun Song, indicated that, at the 15<sup>th</sup> plenary of the judges, held on 8 June 2009, the judges had confirmed the decision of their 14<sup>th</sup> plenary regarding the composition of Chambers.

#### 3. Other matters

#### a) Independent oversight mechanism

The President indicated that the facilitator on the independent oversight mechanism, Mr. Akbar Khan (United Kingdom), would submit, after mid-July, a draft addendum to the Report of the Bureau on the establishment of an independent oversight mechanism (ICC-ASP/8/2 and Add.1).

The Bureau agreed to consider the draft addendum via a silence procedure, following which it would be adopted and submitted to the Committee on Budget and Finance at the beginning of August, for consideration at its thirteenth session, which begins on 24 August.

## b) Increasing the efficiency of sessions of the Assembly

The Bureau welcomed the initiative of the Secretariat to look into the possibilities of adopting best practices from other international organizations to increase the efficiency of the work of the Assembly, encouraged the Secretariat to seek to implement efficiency measures for the eighth session of the Assembly, and requested the Secretariat to keep the Bureau informed of its progress on these measures.

### c) Continuation of work in respect of the Plan of action

Since the facilitator for the Plan of action, Mr. Marko Rakovec (Slovenia) has left New York, the Bureau agreed to conduct consultations to identify a new facilitator to continue the work on the topic.

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