



Ninth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting

29 April 2010

Agenda and Decisions

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

1. Review Conference

a) Update by the facilitators

The Bureau took note of the briefing by the co-facilitators for the Review Conference, Mr. Marcelo Böhlke (Brazil) and Ms. Stella Orina (Kenya), on the two consultations of the New York Working Group held on 7 and 12 April 2010, which had focused on the draft high-level declaration to be adopted at the Review Conference and on the topic of pledges.

b) Stocktaking

The Bureau took note of the outcome of the deliberations of The Hague Working Group.

i) Cooperation

The Bureau took note of the draft outcome document on cooperation and the amended template, both dated 28 April 2010. The Bureau noted that the content of the outcome document was agreed upon by The Hague Working Group and decided that the question of the format of the outcome document would be further considered in the framework of the New York Working Group.

ii) Complementarity

The Bureau took note of the paper entitled “Focal points compilation of examples of projects aimed at strengthening domestic jurisdictions to deal with Rome Statute Crimes”, dated 26 April 2010, and of the template, dated 28 April 2010. The Bureau was informed that the composition of the panel might still be amended.

iii) The impact of the Rome Statute system on victims and affected communities

The Bureau took note of the discussion paper entitled “The impact of the Rome Statute system on victims and affected communities” and of the revised template, both dated 28 April 2010. The focal points (Chile and Finland) indicated that the Registrar of the Court had agreed to participate as a panelist.

iv) Peace and justice

The focal points for the topic “Peace and justice” indicated that their template had been finalized and that they were only awaiting confirmation regarding the participation of H.E. Mr. Thabo Mbeki.

c) High-level participation

The Bureau took note of the updates provided by the focal points for the respective regional groups, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Uganda, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Japan, the newly appointed focal point for high-level participation of the Group of Asian States. The President informed that both the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon as well as his predecessor, H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, had confirmed their participation on the first day of the Review Conference.

d) High-level declaration

Mexico, the focal point for the high-level declaration, provided an update on the progress of the consultations.

e) Pledges

The focal points for pledges, the Netherlands and Peru, informed the Bureau that they had circulated a note verbale and that they hoped for pledges also from non-States Parties as well as regional organizations. The Bureau also took note of their proposal of holding a short pledging ceremony on 1 June 2010 and agreed to consider this further at the next meeting.

f) Linguistic Drafting Committee

i) Update by interested delegations

The Bureau took note of the interest of Slovenia to participate in the Linguistic Drafting Committee for the English language. The Bureau requested that any comments on the language versions of the draft amendments from the linguistic groups be conveyed to the Secretariat no later than 14 May 2010.

ii) Mandate and composition

Mandate

The Bureau decided to propose to the Review Conference, pursuant to rule 67 of the draft rules of procedure for the Review Conferences, the appointment of a Linguistic Drafting Committee with the mandate to “make recommendations aimed at ensuring the linguistic accuracy of and consistency between the various language versions of draft amendments to the Rome Statute as well as the respective draft elements of crime, prior to their adoption in plenary session of the Review Conference”.

Composition

The Bureau decided to recommend to the Review Conference that membership in the Committee shall be limited to up to three delegations per language. Meetings of the Committee would be open to any interested delegation, including observers. The input of non-States Parties would be welcomed.

- g) Revised provisional agenda and provisional programme of work

The Bureau approved the revised provisional agenda and the revised provisional programme of work for the Review Conference, both dated 28 April 2010.

- h) Memorandum of Understanding with Uganda

The Bureau was informed that the Memorandum of Understanding had been signed by the Registrar of the Court and would be signed by the Government of Uganda next week.

2. Organizational issues

The representative of Uganda provided the Bureau with an update on organizational matters, in particular on the issues of accommodation, flights and shuttle services. The representative of Uganda also asked delegations to register with the Secretariat as soon as possible to facilitate the preparation of the Conference. The Bureau took note of the update and observed that, in particular with regard to accommodation, a number of issues were still pending.

3. Addis Ababa Liaison Office

The representative of Kenya indicated that an additional informal, high level meeting on this issue would be held among African States Parties in Kampala.

4. Dates of the ninth session of the Assembly

It was recalled that the tentative dates for the ninth session of the Assembly were 6 to 10 December 2010. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to proceed with the preparations for the ninth session, bearing in mind that the dates were subject to confirmation by the United Nations.

5. Other matters

- a) Deferral of the fourteenth session of the Committee on Budget and Finance

The Bureau noted that due to the travel disruptions that occurred in mid April, the Committee on Budget and Finance had to defer its fourteenth session, which was now scheduled to be held from 3 to 8 May 2010.

- b) Seminar on the Plan of Action

The facilitator for the Plan of Action, Ms. Eva Šurková (Slovakia), informed the Bureau of the planned seminar to be held on 30 April 2010.

- c) Next meetings of the Bureau

The Bureau agreed to hold its next meetings on 10 and 24 May 2010.
