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Twelfth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
3 October 2008
Agenda and Decisions

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

1) Seventh session of the Assembly

(a) Election of the Bureau for the seventh to ninth sessions of the Assembly

The focal point for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States indicated that
there was an agreement to nominate Brazil, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago and
Venezuela to serve on the Bureau of the Assembly for its seventh to ninth sessions.

In prior meetings, the Asian Group had nominated Japan, Jordan and Samoa, while
the Eastern European Group had nominated Estonia, Georgia, Romania and Slovenia.

The focal point for the Western European and other States Group indicated that
consultations were still on-going.

(b) Composition of the Credentials Committee

The Bureau requested each regional group to consult, with a view to identifying the
members of their respective regional groups that would serve on the Credentials
Committee for the seventh session.

The membership of the Committee consists of nine members. Currently they
correspond to the following regional distribution:

African States: 2
Asian States: 1
Eastern European States: 2
Group of Latin American and Caribbean States: 2
Western European and other States: 2

The President-elect indicated that he had received an expression of interest from the
Netherlands to serve as Chair of the Credentials Committee. The Bureau decided to
revert to this item at its next meeting.

(c) General debate

The Bureau requested delegations to limit their statements to five minutes and set 20 October 2008 as the date for the opening of the list of speakers. Furthermore, the Bureau agreed to recommend to the Assembly that 45 minutes be allocated to the participation in the general debate by observers under rule 92 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, as well as an additional 45 minutes for statements by non-governmental organizations at the end of the general debate.

2) **Reports of the facilitators of the Working Groups of the Bureau**

The New York Working Group

(a) Reports of the New York Working Group

The Bureau considered and adopted the reports to the Bureau on:

    (i) The Plan of action of the Assembly for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute, submitted by Mr. Marcelo Böhlke (Brazil), and

    (i) Geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff, submitted by Mr. Eden Charles (Trinidad and Tobago)

(b) Arrears

Ms. Polly Ioannou (Cyprus) indicated that her consultations on the topic of arrears were on-going and that she would submit a report in the coming days.

The Hague Working Group

(a) Cooperation

The Bureau took note of the submission of the status report in French, dated 29 September 2008, which had been submitted by the focal point of the Bureau on cooperation, Ambassador Yves Haesendonck (Belgium) and requested the Secretariat to circulate the English version as soon as feasible, with a view to having the Bureau adopt it via a non-objection procedure so that it could be disseminated to States by the last week of October.

(b) Strategic Plan of the Court

The Bureau took note that the report on the Strategic Plan of the Court was forthcoming.

(c) Budget

The Bureau was informed that the facilitator on the budget, Mr. Masud Husain (Canada), would brief delegations in New York on 24 October on the work carried out in The Hague, which included discussions on the issues of family visits of detainees and legal aid.

3) Report of the Oversight Committee on permanent premises

The Chair of the Oversight Committee, Ambassador Jorge Lomonaco (Mexico), presented the report of the Committee, which the Bureau then decided should be circulated as a document of the Assembly, along with an addendum containing the draft resolution on permanent premises.

Ambassador Paul Wilke, Head of the ICC Task Force of the Netherlands, provided an update on the architectural design competition, noting in particular that the Jury would conclude its deliberations by 31 October with the selection of three prize-winners, whose designs would be made public on 18 November during a reception to be hosted by the Municipality of The Hague.

4) Other matters

(a) Vice-President of the Assembly

Bearing in mind that by a letter dated 26 September 2008, the Vice-President of the Assembly, Ambassador Hlengiwe Buhle Mkhize (South Africa), had informed the President of the Assembly that her term of office as Ambassador to the Netherlands would end on 30 September and that, consequently, she would not be able to complete her term of office as Vice-President of the Assembly, the Bureau commended her for the unstinting support of the Assembly and the Court during the past three years.

(b) Election of the Deputy Registrar

The Bureau noted that the Vice-President of the Assembly, Ambassador Erwin Kubesch (Austria), would participate on behalf of the Assembly in the 17 October 2008 solemn ceremony for the oath of office of the Deputy Registrar of the Court, Mr. Didier Preira (Senegal), who had been elected on 9 September by the judges, pursuant to article 43, paragraph 4, of the Rome Statute and rule 12, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

(c) Alignment of the language versions of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.7 on the Establishment of the Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims

Bearing in mind that at its 9 September meeting the Bureau had been informed about a request from the Executive Director of the Trust Fund for Victims addressed to the Secretariat concerning an alignment of the language versions of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.7 (Establishment of the Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims) and that subsequently additional information on the procedure followed in this regard had been requested in The Hague Working Group, the Bureau decided to entrust the matter to be the object of further consideration in that Working Group.

(d) Next meeting

The Bureau decided to schedule its next meeting for 4 November.

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