Eighteenth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
15 December 2009
Agenda and Decisions

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

1.   Mandates of the Working Groups

In accordance with the resolutions adopted by the Assembly at its eighth session, the Bureau allocated the following issues to its Working Groups:

New York Working Group

(i)   Arrears
(ii)   Plan of action
(iii)   Geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff
(iv)   Review Conference

The Hague Working Group

(i)   Budget[1]
(ii)   Cooperation
(iii)   Independent oversight mechanism
(iv)   Strategic Plan
(v)   Trust Fund for Victims

2.   Review Conference

a)   Stocktaking

Pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/8/Res.6 the Bureau designated the following States as focal points for the topics contained in the annex of that resolution:

(i)   Complementarity: Denmark and South Africa
(ii)   Cooperation: the focal point for this issue is still subject to consultations
(iii)   The impact of the Rome Statute system on victims and affected communities: Chile and Finland
(iv)   Peace and justice: Argentina, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Switzerland

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[1] The subitems of the Contingency Fund, legal aid and family visits for indigent detainees are subsumed in this issue.

The focal points were mandated to prepare preliminary background materials and proposals for outcomes on their respective topics and to hold consultations thereon in the overall framework of the New York Working Group, but with a possibility for informal consultations in The Hague as well, as appropriate.

b)   Other issues in preparation of the Review Conference

i)   List of Review Conference issues

Pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/8/Res.6 the Bureau mandated the Secretariat to draw up a list of issues to be addressed in preparation of the Review Conference.

ii)   High-level participation in the Conference

The Bureau entrusted the President of the Assembly to identify one focal point for each regional group that would be mandated to promote high-level attendance at the Review Conference.

iii)   Drafting Committee

The Bureau recognized the need to establish a Drafting Committee during the Review Conference which would ensure the consistency of amendments adopted in all language versions and in this connection decided that an open and informal process of reviewing the translations of the draft amendments forwarded to the Review Conference could already be started prior to the Review Conference, in the context of the New York Working Group. It also mandated the Secretariat to prepare, as appropriate, any consequential changes to the draft rules of procedure of the Review Conference.

iv)   Enforcement of sentences

Pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution ICC-ASP/8/Res.6, the Bureau mandated the New York Working Group to consider the issue of enforcement of sentences as part of its deliberations on the Review Conference, bearing in mind a draft proposal to be disseminated by the delegation of Norway.

c)   Provisional agenda

Recalling its decision from 19 August 2009, the Bureau requested the New York Working Group to decide shortly as to whether, in light of the subsequent discussions and progress made at the eighth session of the Assembly, any modifications to the provisional agenda of the Review Conference were necessary.

3.   Resumed eighth session

a)   Dates

In accordance with resolution ICC-ASP/8/Res.3, the Bureau decided that the resumed eighth session would consist of two meetings of three hours each on 22, 23 and 25 March 2010.

b)   Provisional agenda

The Bureau considered the provisional agenda for the resumed eighth session of the Assembly and requested the Secretariat to disseminate it to all States.

4.   Dates of the ninth session

        The Bureau was informed that the tentative dates for the ninth session, which is scheduled to be held at United Nations Headquarters, were 6 to 10 December 2010 with the confirmation to be made in the coming weeks.

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