Assemblée des États Parties

International Criminal Court Assembly of States Parties

## **Twelfth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting**

## 6 July 2010

# **Agenda and Decisions**

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

# 1. Follow-up to the Review Conference

#### a) Official Records

The Bureau noted that the advance version of the Official Records of the Review Conference had been posted on the website of the Secretariat shortly after the Review Conference. The President appealed to delegations that had not yet done so to convey to the Secretariat the Word version of the explanation of position that they had requested to be reflected in the Official Records.

The Bureau noted that the United Nations Secretary-General, as depositary of the Rome Statute, would disseminate the amendments adopted at the Review Conference to all States.

#### b) Follow-up to Review Conference outcomes

The Bureau took note of the briefing by the focal points for the stocktaking topics as follows:

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

The focal points (Chile and Finland) indicated that preliminary consultations had taken place between the Registrar and the focal points in The Hague. The focal points would prepare and disseminate, before the end of August, a paper which would summarize the panel discussions and the outcomes, as well as propose suggestions on future work on the topic.

#### *ii)* Complementarity

The focal points (Denmark and South Africa) indicated that follow-up would be required for this topic and that they would require direction from the Assembly in this regard. The President noted the need to continue informal discussions on this topic in preparation for the ninth session of the Assembly. The topic would remain on the agenda of The Hague Working Group.

### iii) Cooperation

The President reported that he had consulted with the focal points in The Hague Working Group, who had indicated that discussions were underway on the question of a possible mechanism to institutionalize the work on cooperation e.g. the establishment of a Working Group of the Assembly. The matter would remain on the agenda of The Hague Working Group in preparation for the ninth session.

#### iv) Peace and Justice

The focal points (Argentina, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Switzerland) indicated that some issues had been raised during the panel discussion on this topic that might require follow-up but they would await the guidance of the Assembly on whether and how to proceed. They also confirmed their availability to continue the consultations should the Assembly so decide.

### The Kampala Declaration

The focal point (Mexico) indicated that the Kampala Declaration might not require a separate follow-up mechanism, since most of the issues could be covered through follow-up on the Plan of action of the Assembly of States Parties for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute, as well as the stocktaking topics.

### Pledges

The focal points (the Netherlands and Peru) indicated that a follow-up mechanism would be required on this issue and they were considering possible modalities.

The Bureau noted that the division of work in relation to any follow-up to the Review Conference that may be required would remain the same (The Hague Working Group: victims and affected communities, complementarity, cooperation; New York Working Group: Kampala Declaration, peace and justice, pledges).

# 2. Reports of the Bureau Working Groups

The Bureau invited the Coordinators of the Working Groups, Ambassador Zachary D. Muburi-Muita (Kenya) and Ambassador Jorge Lomónaco (Mexico), respectively, to prepare a work calendar for their Working Groups by mid-July 2010, with a view to ensuring completion of the mandates as soon as possible and for consideration of the reports by the Bureau at its 5 October meeting, if possible.

# 3. Preparations for the ninth session of the Assembly

### a) Provisional agenda

The Bureau approved an updated draft provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Assembly, dated 30 June 2010, which included a new agenda item on follow-up to the Review Conference.

b) Establishment of a Working Group of the Assembly pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/8/Res.6

The Bureau requested the President to consult among delegations with a view to identifying a possible Coordinator for the Working Group of the Assembly on amendments to the Rome Statute.

#### 4. Other matters

## a) Elections to the Committee on Budget and Finance

The Bureau recalled that the nomination period for the election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance, to be held during the ninth session of the Assembly in December, would run from 7 June to 30 August 2010 (Central European Time).

## b) Staff Pension Committee

The Bureau requested The Hague Working Group to submit for its approval the name of a representative to complete the term of Mr. Ivan Salopek (Croatia) as an alternate member of the Staff Pension Committee. The two-year term expires on 20 March 2011.

c) Letter from the Coalition for the International Criminal Court on the election of the Prosecutor

Members were requested to convey, in the coming weeks, any comments that they might have on the letter, dated 1 July 2001, from the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, addressed to the President of the Assembly, relating to the election of the Prosecutor.

## d) Circulation of the Kampala Declaration

A suggestion was made to transmit a copy of the Kampala Declaration to the United Nations Secretary-General with a request that it be circulated, as a United Nations document, to all Member States.

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