



Twentieth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting

9 December 2011

Agenda and Decisions

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

1. Premises

The President recalled that at its nineteenth meeting on 30 November the Bureau had extended until 9 December the mandate of the facilitators for negotiations concerning the extension of the lease of the interim premises.

The Bureau took note of the report introduced by the facilitators and conveyed it to the Assembly for consideration in the context of its discussion on the budget.

2. Preparations for the tenth session of the Assembly

a) Committee on Budget and Finance nominations

Gabon informed that there was no progress within the African Group in the attempt to find a consensus candidate for the upcoming election. The President noted that there was a possibility for the new Bureau to nominate a facilitator in order to try to find a consensus candidate and that the work programme for the Assembly will be modified so the elections of the Committee on Budget and Finance members would take place later during the course of the session.

b) Selection of the Credentials Committee members

The Bureau asked for updates from the following regional focal points:

- i) African Group: consultations were ongoing;
- ii) Western European and Other States Group: Belgium and Finland

c) National tellers

The Bureau recommended that the Assembly appoint the following as national tellers for the elections at the tenth session of the Assembly:

- i) African Group: Ms. Tully Malecela Mwaipopo (United Republic of Tanzania)
- ii) Eastern European Group: Ms. Oana Rebedea (Romania)
- iii) Asia-Pacific Group: Ms. Noelani Manoa (Samoa)
- iv) Latin American and Caribbean States Group: Mr. Paulo Henrique Caruso Dias Lima (Brazil)
- v) Western Europe and Other States Group: Ms. Victoria Chisholm (Liechtenstein)

d) Updated work programme

The Bureau requested the Secretariat to distribute the updated work programme for the forthcoming session of the Assembly and to update the Assembly Journal accordingly.

The President noted that under the working programme the election of the Prosecutor was scheduled for 12 December in the morning. Based on the results of the informal consultations Ms. Fatou Bensouda, who had been officially nominated by The Gambia, together with 66 other States Parties, would be elected as the Prosecutor by acclamation for a period of nine years starting from 16 June 2012.

3. Consultations to identify the Bureau for the tenth to twelfth sessions

The Bureau took note of the following composition of the next Bureau:

- i) African Group: Gabon, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda
- ii) Eastern European Group: Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Slovakia
- iii) Asia-Pacific Group: Japan, the Republic of Korea, Samoa
- iv) Latin American and Caribbean States Group: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Trinidad and Tobago
- v) Western European and Other States Group: Belgium, Canada, Finland, Portugal, Switzerland

4. Other matters

a) Report of the Oversight Committee

The President informed that following consultations there was agreement to have a comment from the host State on paragraph 48 of the report of the Oversight Committee to the Assembly reflected in the records of the Bureau. This comment reads as follows: “Furthermore, the representative of the host State stated that conditions attached to this approval still exist but that they are being discussed in other fora.”

b) Hague Working Group outcomes

The Vice-President of the Assembly and Coordinator of The Hague Working Group, Amb. Jorge Lomónaco (Mexico) paid tribute to the work of President Wenaweser and of all the Bureau members during the triennium 2008-2011, which had contributed to strengthening the Rome Statute system, an achievement that all could be proud of. Nonetheless, he recalled that the Bureau had delegated to The Hague Working Group several topics which the group had then invested a considerable amount of time and effort on over a one year period in order to submit the respective outcomes to the Bureau. In this connection, he referred to the concerns which had arisen in the context of the informal consultations on the omnibus resolution held in New York, where the discussion had veered towards questioning the proposals submitted by The Hague Working Group, even by delegations that had been represented in The Hague when the topics had been discussed; this discussion in New York, which seemed to reflect little understanding of The Hague Working Group discussions, had led to the bracketing of much of the text conveyed by The Hague Working Group. The Vice-President recalled that, to a certain extent, this situation constituted a long standing issue of the relationship between the Bureau’s two working groups, which the Bureau for the triennium 2011-2014 could address in order to find an appropriate solution.
