

18. Establishment of the Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims (ICC-ASP/3/Res.7)

The Assembly of States Parties,

Welcoming the first meeting of the members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, held at the seat of the Court from 20 to 22 April 2004,

Expressing its appreciation to the members of the Board for their commitment to ensuring the welfare of victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court, and for carrying out their efforts on a pro bono basis,

Taking note with appreciation of the report to the Assembly of States Parties on the activities and projects of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, 2003-2004, contained in document ICC-ASP/3/14/Rev.1, the draft Regulations of the Trust Fund contained in annex A thereto, and the proposal for the establishment of a Secretariat for the Trust Fund for Victims contained in annex B thereto,

1. *Decides* to establish a Secretariat of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims to provide such assistance as is necessary for the proper functioning of the Board of Directors in carrying out its tasks;
2. *Decides further* that, pending further consideration in accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res. 6, the Secretariat shall operate under the full authority of the Board of Directors in matters concerning its activities; that, for administrative purposes, the Secretariat and its staff shall be attached to the Registry of the Court and that, as part of the staff of the Registry and, as such, of the Court, the staff of the Secretariat shall enjoy the same rights, duties, privileges, immunities and benefits;
3. *Decides* that, mindful of the independence of the Board and the Secretariat, the Registrar of the Court may provide such assistance as is necessary for the proper functioning of the Board and the Secretariat;
4. *Decides* that, pending further evaluation by the Assembly of States Parties in accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res. 6, the Secretariat shall be funded by the regular budget;
5. *Decides that*, subject to this resolution, Parts I and II of the draft Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims, contained in annex A to the report to the Assembly of States Parties on the activities and projects of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, 2003-2004, shall be applied provisionally, and *recognizes* that Part III of the draft Regulations will be a reference point for further work;
6. *Requests* the Bureau, in view of the urgency of the matter, to consider further the draft Regulations prepared by the Board of Directors, through an appropriate mechanism and in consultation with the States Parties and the Board of Directors, and to determine criteria for the management of the Trust Fund pursuant to article 79, paragraph 3, of the Rome Statute for adoption by the Assembly of States Parties at its fourth session, and *invites* States Parties to submit their comments thereon;
7. *Requests* the Board of Directors to pursue its invaluable efforts in fundraising in accordance with paragraphs 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the annex to resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res. 6;

8. *Requests* the Committee on Budget and Finance to review the draft Regulations and to report thereon to the Bureau;
 9. *Calls upon* governments, international organizations, individuals, corporations and other entities to contribute voluntarily to the Fund, and *expresses its appreciation* to those that have done so this year.
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