



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

First meeting

14 January 2009

Agenda and decisions

1. Working Groups of the Bureau

Facilitators

New York Working Group

The Coordinator of the New York Working Group, Vice-President of the Assembly Ambassador Zachary D. Muburi-Muita (Kenya), indicated that consultations were on-going in order to identify the facilitators for the issues within the mandate of the Working Group.

The Hague Working Group

The President indicated that consultations were on-going in order to identify the facilitators.

2. Organization of work at the first resumption of the seventh session

a) Election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance

The representative of Samoa informed the Bureau that consultations within the Asian group were still on-going with a view to obtaining the regional endorsement of the candidates for election to the Committee on Budget and Finance.

b) Selection of national tellers

The Bureau appointed the following representatives as national tellers for the elections to be held during the first resumption of the seventh session:

African group:

Mr. Justin Kisoka (United Republic of Tanzania)

Asian group:

Mr. Naseer Ahmad Faiq (Afghanistan)

Eastern European Group:

Ms. Eva Šurková (Slovakia)

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States:

Ms. Glenna Cabello de Daboin (Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of)

Western European and other States group:

Ms. Pilar Serrano (Spain)

c) *Terms of office of the six judges to be elected*

The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Assembly that the terms of office of the six judges to be elected during the first resumption of the seventh session begin to run on 11 March 2009, in accordance with the decision taken by the Assembly at its first session.

3. States in arrears

The Bureau noted that, pursuant to information provided by the Court, 11 States Parties were in arrears and were subject to the application of article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute.

The President appealed to States Parties in arrears to pay their assessed contributions. He also recalled past practice concerning the exemption from the application of article 112, paragraph 8, and recalled that such exemptions could only be granted to States concerned that had made a relevant request. He therefore called upon members of the Bureau to encourage the States within their respective regional groups to bring past practice to their attention.

The Bureau further took note of a request for exemption from the loss of voting rights, dated 6 January 2009, submitted by the Central African Republic and decided to recommend to the Assembly that the request be approved.

The Bureau agreed to raise with the Committee on Budget and Finance the question of the latter's role regarding the issue of arrears.

4. Other matters

a) *Composition of the Oversight Committee*

The Bureau appointed Peru as a member of the Oversight Committee on permanent premises to replace Brazil, upon the recommendation of the Committee submitted pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/6/Res.1.

b) *Provisional agenda of the eighth session of the Assembly of States Parties*

The Bureau approved the provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Assembly of States Parties.

c) *Nomination period for the third election of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims*

In accordance with resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7, the Bureau fixed the nomination period for the third election of the members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, to be held at the eighth session of the Assembly, to run from 20 May to 11 August 2009.

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