



**Eleventh ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
9 September 2008
Agenda and Decisions**

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

1. Seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties

(a) Programme of work for the seventh session

The Bureau approved the provisional programme of work for the seventh session of the Assembly and requested the Secretariat to circulate it to States.

(b) Seating arrangements

In accordance with decision ICC-ASP/1/Decision 4, the President-elect drew lots for the purpose of determining which State Party would occupy the first desk on the Assembly floor. The name of the State Party drawn was Jordan. Consequently, the delegation of Jordan will sit at the first desk to the right of the President, and the other States Parties will follow in the English alphabetical order.

(c) Update on the status of nominations for elections to be held during the first resumption of the seventh session

The Bureau noted that the President had, in accordance with resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, conveyed note verbale no. ICC-ASP/7/S/35, dated 2 September 2008, informing States Parties of the status of the nomination of candidates for election as judges, as at 1 September.

The Bureau also took note of a letter, dated 14 August 2008, by which the Vice-President of the Court, Judge Akua Kuenyehia, informed the President of the Assembly that the judges to be elected in January 2009, whose terms would begin on 11 March 2009, would be expected to attend a plenary session tentatively scheduled for 11 to 20 March, and that some of the new judges may be required to serve on a full-time basis as soon as possible after the start of their term.

(d) Dates for the second resumption of the seventh session

The Bureau recommended that the second resumption of the seventh session of the Assembly be held from 9 to 13 February 2009 and requested the Secretariat to proceed with the necessary preparations.

2. Facilitators of the New York Working Group and The Hague Working Group

The Chairman requested all facilitators to complete their work before the end of September, so that their reports may be submitted to the Bureau for adoption and transmitted to the Secretariat for translation into the official languages of the Assembly, well in advance of the seventh session.

New York Working Group

- (a) *Report of the facilitator on the Plan of Action for ensuring universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute*

The facilitator on the Plan of Action for ensuring universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute, Mr. Marcelo Böhlke (Brazil), informed the Bureau that he had convened two informal meetings in New York, on 21 May and 3 June, respectively, one informal briefing in The Hague on 30 July, and several bilateral as well as regional consultations to seek the views of States on the matter. He would present a final report to the Bureau by the end of September.

The Hague Working Group

- (b) *Appointment of a facilitator for the independent oversight mechanism*

The Bureau requested The Hague Working Group to take up consideration of the issue of an independent oversight mechanism and to recommend a facilitator for appointment by the Bureau.

- (c) *Appointment of a facilitator for the assessment of the implementation of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims*

The Bureau designated Ms. Michèle Dubrocard (France) as the facilitator for the assessment of the implementation of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims.

3. Composition of the Bureau for the seventh to ninth sessions of the Assembly of States Parties

The focal point for the Western European and Other States group informed the Bureau that consultations were underway towards identifying the members to serve on the Bureau.

The Chairman also urged the focal points for the African Group and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States to step up their efforts in this regard.

4. Other matters

(a) *Briefing of the New York Working Group by the Chairman of the Oversight Committee*

The Chairman informed the Bureau that the Chair of the Oversight Committee on permanent premises, Ambassador Jorge Lomonaco (Mexico), would brief the New York Working Group and the Bureau on the activities of the Oversight Committee in the first half of October.

(b) *Appointment of an alternate member of the Staff Pension Committee*

The Chairman informed the Bureau that Mr. Pedro Saldanha (Brazil) would relinquish his post as an alternate member of the Court's Staff Pension Committee, upon the completion of his term at the Embassy of Brazil in The Hague. The Bureau would appoint an alternate member of the Staff Pension Committee, upon the recommendation of The Hague Working Group.

(c) *Election of the Deputy Registrar*

The Chairman informed the Bureau that the plenary of judges was scheduled to meet on 8 and 9 September to elect the Deputy Registrar.

(d) *Alignment of language versions of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.7 on the Establishment of the Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims*

The Bureau took note that the Secretariat would, pursuant to a request of the Executive Director of the Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims, issue a corrigendum to ensure consistency among all official language versions of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.7.

(e) *Next meeting of the Bureau*

The Chairman informed the Bureau that the next meeting would be held in early October 2008, to coincide with the visit of the Chair of the Oversight Committee on permanent premises.

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