

17th ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
August 31st , 2006
Agenda and Decisions

1. Reports of the Coordinator/Facilitators of the New York Working Group

The Facilitator on the issue of an independent oversight mechanism, Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein, informed the Bureau that it may be preferable to await the outcome of discussions on related subject matter taking place within the context of the United Nations and that, accordingly, any decision on the issue should be postponed.

2. Committee on Budget and Finance: Vacancies

Taking into consideration that only one nomination had been received by the closing date of the nomination period, the Bureau elected Mr. Juhani Lemmik (Estonia) by consensus to fill in the vacancy in the Committee on Budget and Finance, which corresponds to one of the seats allocated to the Group of Eastern European States. The new member shall serve for the remainder of the term, namely until 20 April 2008.

The Bureau further decided to initiate the procedure to fill in the vacancy resulting from the resignation of M. John F.S. Muwanga (Uganda), which corresponds to one of the seats allocated to the Group of African States. Pending the outcome of informal consultations within the Group of African States, the Bureau decided to fix a one week nomination period and requested the Secretariat to circulate a note to that effect.

3. Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims

As regards the second election of the members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, at 27 August 2006, 7 nominations had been received. As no nomination from the Group of Asian States had been presented, the minimum requirements for the nomination set forth in the relevant resolution had not been met and the President therefore extended the nomination period until Sunday, 1 October 2006.

The Bureau was informed of the resignation of Her Majesty, Queen Rania Al-Abdullah (Jordan), who had held the seat allocated to the Group of Asian States on the Board. The Bureau decided to wait for the result of informal

consultations among the States Parties of the Asian Group before making a decision regarding this vacancy.

4. Guidelines for the submission of documentation to the Assembly

The Bureau approved the guidelines regarding the submission of documentation to the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, including a Manual of Procedures, and requested the Secretariat to convey them to the Court. The Bureau also decided that the Secretariat could introduce technical amendments to the guidelines and the Manual of Procedures.

5. Provisional agenda of the fifth session of the Assembly

The Bureau considered the provisional agenda of the fifth session of the Assembly and in this connection decided to hold a general debate at the beginning of the fifth session of the Assembly (namely on 23 November 2006).

6. Other Matters

a) Post of Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties.
The Bureau decided to authorize the text of the vacancy announcement for the position of Director of the Secretariat.

b) Preparations for the sixth session of the Assembly at United Nations Headquarters.
The Bureau was informed of the status of preparations regarding the availability of conference rooms and facilities at United Nations Headquarters for the sixth session of the Assembly, scheduled to be held in 2007.

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