

Sixth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting  
17 April 2007  
Agenda and Decisions

1. Progress reports of the working groups

The President informed the Bureau that the Coordinator of The Hague Working Group, Ambassador Sandra Fuentes would continue in that capacity notwithstanding her appointment as Ambassador of Mexico to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union.

He also informed the Bureau about the activities in The Hague by the facilitators on permanent premises, geographical representation and gender balance, budget and cooperation.

The facilitators based in New York, Mr. Marko Rakovec (arrears), Ms. Brechje Schwachofer (cooperation) and Mr. Sivu Maqungo (review conference) informed the Bureau about their work plans and reaffirmed their commitment to continue their tasks in the most transparent and inclusive form.

The Bureau considered note verbale No 6/2, dated 19 March 2007, sent by the Permanent Mission of Namibia to the United Nations to the Bureau and its working groups regarding the issue of geographical representation and gender balance. After an exchange of views, the Bureau expressed its full support to the work being done by the facilitator in The Hague, Amb. Mirjam Blaak (Uganda), and took note of her plans to hold meetings in Brussels and to convene a meeting in New York next June. As regards the proposal by Namibia to extend the mandate of the working group to include elected officials, the Bureau decided to continue consideration of the proposal at its next meeting.

## **2. Other matters**

### *Sixth session of the Assembly*

The Bureau considered issues related to the organization of the sixth session of the Assembly of States Parties and decided to include in the provisional agenda of the session the item “Review Conference”.

Taking into account that elections to fill judicial vacancies will be held during the sixth session of the Assembly, the Bureau expressed its intention to keep under review the organization of work of the session in order to ensure efficiency.

The President also indicated that he had personally invited the Secretary-General of the United Nations to attend the sixth session of the Assembly.

### *Committee on Budget and Finance*

The Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance, Mr. David Dutton (Australia), made a presentation on some of the items that the Committee would be considering at its eighth session, from 23 to 27 April 2007.

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