

19th ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
October 23, 2006
Agenda and Decisions

1. Reports of the Working Groups

The Bureau approved the Report on the Ratification and Implementation of the Rome Statute. It also approved the Report on the Arrears of States Parties and decided that, as regards the issue raised in paragraph 30 therein concerning the procedure applicable to requests of exemption presented by States Parties between January and April of any given year, it would suggest the adoption of the respective recommendation made by the Committee on Budget and Finance during its seventh session.

As regards the interim report on permanent premises and the report on the Strategic Plan of the Court submitted by The Hague Working Group, the Bureau noted that discussions on both issues were still taking place in The Hague and that further reports were expected in the coming days. The President would then e-mail them to the members of the Bureau for approval via a non-objection procedure of 24 hours.

2. Provisional programme of work of the fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties

The Bureau considered a provisional programme of work and, in this connection, decided to hold a general debate on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 November. It was agreed that the provisional programme of work be modified in accordance with the discussion and circulated to the Bureau members, prior to its dissemination.

3. Theme for the general debate at the fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties

On the issue of a possible theme for the general debate, the Bureau decided not to indicate any particular issue. It also requested the Secretariat to send States a communication regarding the dates and length of the debate, encouraging participation in the Assembly at a high political level as well as inviting States to limit their statements to five minutes. States wishing to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers for the general debate should contact the Secretariat as of 1 November.

4. Facilitator on Permanent Premises

The Bureau approved the appointment of Mr. Masud Husain (Canada) as facilitator on the issue of permanent premises.

5. Other matters

a) Sixth session of the ASP

After considering two options of dates for the holding the sixth session of the Assembly in New York, the Bureau decided that the session be held for a period of 11 days, starting on 30 November and concluding on 14 December 2007. In relation to the conference facilities, the President indicated that consultations with the United Nations regarding the provision of a large meeting room were still taking place.

b) Staff Pension Committee

The Bureau decided to refer to The Hague Working Group the issue of the appointment of two members and two alternates to the Staff Pension Committee.

c) Selection of the Director of the Secretariat

The President requested members of the Bureau to submit as soon as possible the names of the representatives of the regional groups that will form part of the pre-selection committee for the post of Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly. He also stressed the need to appoint a focal point to enable the Court to continue the recruitment process.

d) Interim premises

The Netherlands distributed a paper on interim premises dated 16 October 2006.

e) New York Liaison Office

The representative of the Court briefed the Bureau on the status of the physical establishment of the Liaison Office.

f) Leave of absence of elected officials

Information was requested on the situation of Deputy Prosecutor Brammertz. The President indicated that he would have a clearer picture of the situation soon.

g) Next meeting of the Bureau

The 20th meeting of the Bureau is scheduled for 20 November 2006 in New York. An expanded Bureau meeting would be held in The Hague on Wednesday 22 November at 5:00 pm at the World Forum Convention Center. It was decided that issues arising before the next meeting would be addressed via e-mail.

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