

**8<sup>th</sup> ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting  
October 3, 2007  
Agenda and Decisions**

**1. Reports of the Working Groups**

The Bureau adopted and decided to submit for consideration by the Assembly the following reports from its Working Groups:

*The Hague Working Group*

a) Report on equitable geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff.

*The New York Working Group*

- b) Report on the Plan of Action for the universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute;
- c) Report on the arrears of States Parties; and
- d) Report on the Review Conference.

Furthermore, the Bureau also adopted and decided to submit for consideration by the Assembly the following report, which was prepared jointly by both Working Groups:

- e) Report on cooperation.

The facilitator for the New York Working Group on the issue of cooperation, Ms. Brechje Schwachöfer (Netherlands), informed the Bureau of the way the report was finalised between the two Working Groups, in particular as far as the break of silence of one delegation was concerned. In that respect, she noted that the New York Working Group had experienced the need for support in the preparation of summaries of its consultations on this and other issues. The Bureau took note of that point and expressed the hope that the New York Liaison Office, which had been undergoing a change in personnel, would be able to provide additional support to future meetings of the facilitators of the Working Group.

The President read a letter from the Coordinator of The Hague Working Group, Ambassador Sandra Fuentes (Mexico), dated 2 October 2007, wherein she reported that discussions on the issues of the proposed programme budget for 2008, permanent premises and the Strategic Plan of the Court were still taking place in The Hague and that the respective reports would be submitted at a later stage.

The Bureau was also informed that it was the intention of the Coordinator of The Hague Working Group, as well as of the facilitator on the budget, Ambassador Hans Magnusson (Sweden), and the facilitator on permanent premises, Mr. Masud Husain (Canada) to travel to New York for a meeting on 29/30 October to brief delegations on the issues under their responsibility and to seek their views in advance of the sixth session of the Assembly.

## **2. Sixth session of the Assembly**

### *a) Seating arrangements*

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

### *b) Provisional agenda*

In light of the fact that for planning purposes it was advisable for the Assembly to consider the tentative dates and venues for its sessions in the next quinquennium, the Bureau agreed that item 19 of the provisional agenda for the sixth session (ICC-ASP/6/1) be amended to read: "Decisions concerning dates and venues of the next sessions of the Assembly of States Parties".

### *c) Provisional programme of work*

The Bureau considered and adopted a provisional programme of work for the sixth session.

### *d) Election of the President of the Assembly for the seventh to ninth sessions*

The Bureau designated Ambassador Rosemary Banks (New Zealand) to undertake informal consultations regarding the election of the President of the Assembly for the next triennium.

### *e) Election to fill three judicial vacancies*

The President informed the Bureau that by a communication, dated 20 September 2007, Nigeria had announced the withdrawal of its candidature for the election. Consequently, there were five nominations for the election of judges (ICC-ASP/6/15 and Add.1).

### *f) Election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance*

The President informed the Bureau that at the end of the nomination period on 24 August, the Secretariat had received nine nominations for the election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/6/9). Furthermore, he expressed the desirability that efforts be undertaken within the respective regional groups so that, as in the case of prior elections, candidates for the Committee could be elected with the endorsement of their regional groups.

*g) Election of the Registrar*

The President informed the Bureau that before the end of October, the Presidency of the Court would be submitting a list of candidates to the Assembly with a request for any recommendations. Consequently, consideration should be given to the manner in which the Assembly might wish to address the matter at its sixth session. In accordance with article 43, paragraph 4, of the Rome Statute, the judges shall elect the Registrar by an absolute majority, taking into account any recommendation by the Assembly.

**3. Other matters**

*a) Facilitator for the omnibus resolution*

Ms. Polly Ioannu (Cyprus), the focal point for the appointment of the facilitator, informed the Bureau that her consultations were still ongoing but that the name of the facilitator would be announced in the coming days.

*b) Vice-President of the Assembly*

The President informed the Bureau that Vice-President Erwin Kubesch (Austria) would be leaving The Hague in December 2007 in order to assume his new post in Copenhagen.

*c) United Nations General Assembly resolution*

Ms. Brechje Schwachöfer (Netherlands) informed the Bureau that she would be coordinating the annual resolution on the International Criminal Court during the sixty-second session of the United Nations General Assembly and that, as always, the process would be channelled through the Group of Friends of the International Criminal Court.

*d) Next meeting of the Bureau*

The next meeting would take place on October 16 or 17, 2007.

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