

20th ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
November 20, 2006
Agenda and Decisions

1. Reports of the Coordinators/Facilitators of the Working Groups

The President indicated that the results of the consultations held by the facilitator on the issue of the oversight mechanism were forthcoming and would, along with some draft language submitted by The Hague Working Group on the issue of equitable geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff, be included in the oral report on activities of the Bureau.

2. Fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties: Organization of work

a) Review Conference

The Bureau decided to allocate time for a presentation by Mr. Rolf Fife (Norway), focal point for the issue of the Review Conference.

b) Budget

The President informed the Bureau the Mr. Jürg Lindenmann (Switzerland) would chair the working group on the budget.

c) General debate

The Bureau was informed that 30 States had inscribed themselves for the general debate.

In light of a request by eight non-governmental organizations to deliver statements during the general debate, the Bureau decided to recommend to the Assembly that 45 minutes be allocated to NGO statements at the end of the general debate.

d) Additional items

The Bureau was informed of the request by the Court to include an additional item in the agenda of the Assembly: the draft headquarters agreement between the Court and the host State. The Bureau recommended that the item be considered under "Other matters". The draft headquarters agreement would be dealt with in the context of the omnibus resolution.

3. Report on the activities of the Bureau

The President invited Bureau members to submit any comments on his draft oral report to the Assembly no later than 22 November.

4. Second election of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims

The Bureau was informed that as a result of the withdrawal of the candidacy of Burkina Faso the African Group was in a position to endorse its only candidate. However, it was noted that the minimum requirements for the election had not met because the Asian Group did not have a candidate.

The President outlined possible options to move the process forward and invited members to reflect on them in order to facilitate a decision.

5. Other matters

a) Post of Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly

As regards the recruitment process for the post of Director of the Secretariat, the President reiterated the need to establish as soon as possible the Selection Committee of the Bureau and to name a focal point through whom the Registry could liaise with regional groups on the matter.

b) Forthcoming sessions of the Assembly

The President updated the Bureau on the exchanges he had with the United Nations for the conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding to cover the organization of the resumed fifth session and the sixth session of the Assembly at United Nations Headquarters.

The Bureau considered that the conditions offered by the United Nations were somewhat limited, but sufficient to enable the holding of the sessions in New York.

c) Participation of the Secretary General of the United Nations in the Assembly

The President informed that the Secretary General of the United Nations was not able to attend the opening of the fifth session of the Assembly, but he indicated that a written message to the Assembly was being prepared by the Office of the Secretary-General.

d) Leave of absence of elected officials

The President informed the Bureau that it was not yet clear whether the United Nations would request an extension of the leave of absence of Mr. Serge Brammetz, Deputy Prosecutor. More information would be forthcoming.

e) Press issues

The Bureau agreed that press coverage of the Assembly would be limited to the first part of the meeting of the plenary on Thursday 23 November and to the last meeting of the plenary on Friday 1 December.

f) Membership in the Bureau

Serbia confirmed its status as member of the Bureau. It was stated that after the independence of Montenegro, Serbia continued the legal personality of the prior State of Serbia and Montenegro.

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