



Fourth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
29 April 2008
Agenda and Decisions

The President of the Assembly, H.E. Bruno Stagno Ugarte, chaired the meeting

1) Facilitators of the Working Groups of the Bureau

a) Geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff

The Bureau appointed Mr. Eden Charles (Trinidad and Tobago) as the facilitator for the issue of geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff.

b) The Plan of Action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute

The Bureau appointed Mr. Marcelo Böhlke (Brazil) as facilitator for the plan of action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute.

The Bureau further agreed that the President would send a letter to all the facilitators of the New York Working Group inviting them to hold consultations amongst themselves as soon as possible to discuss how to proceed with their respective work.

2) Review Conference

The Bureau was informed that on 15 April 2008 the New York Working Group held informal consultations on the Review Conference, under the joint chairmanship of the Assembly's focal point on the review of the Rome Statute, Ambassador Rolf Fife (Norway), and of the facilitator, Mr. Sabelo Sivuyile Maqungo (South Africa). The facilitator briefed the Bureau on the meeting.

The Bureau was further informed that, by a letter dated 4 April 2008, the Deputy Attorney-General and Minister of State for Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Uganda, the Hon. Fredrick Ruhindi, requested the Director of the Secretariat, Mr. Renan Villacis, to constitute a delegation to visit Uganda for an on-site visit to inspect and assess the facilities which the Government of Uganda will make available for the Review Conference. Furthermore, the Bureau was informed that the Secretariat, after consultation with the Government of Uganda, had determined that a suitable date would be sometime between 13 and 17 May 2008.

The Bureau decided to accept the invitation of the Government of Uganda for a site-visit and mandated a group to carry out a site-visit from 13 to 17 May 2008. The group will comprise the following persons:

1. Mr. Rolf Fife (Norway), focal point on the review of the Rome Statute;
2. Mr. Sabelo Sivuyile Maqungo (South Africa), facilitator for the Review Conference;
3. Mr. Renan Villacis, Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties; and
4. A representative of the Security Services of the International Criminal Court.

The Bureau requested the Secretariat to convey to the Hon. Fredrick Ruhindi the acceptance of the invitation extended by the Government of Uganda for a visit during the period of 13 to 17 May 2008. It further requested the Secretariat to begin to put logistical arrangements in place and to liaise with the Court Security Services with a view to identifying a suitable security expert who will accompany the group.

The Bureau agreed that the visit to Uganda should be limited to assessing issues of a practical nature, such as the capability/capacity to host the conference, without prejudice to other aspects of the objective criteria which will have to be decided upon by States at a later stage.

The Bureau further agreed that, after the visit, the group should submit a written report to the Bureau, before the resumed sixth session of the Assembly in June, following the same structure as the Note for the file of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties dated 11 April 2008.

3) Other matters

a) Composition of the Bureau of the Assembly for the seventh to ninth sessions

The President indicated that consultations towards determining the composition of the Bureau for the seventh to ninth sessions were in progress. Ms. Polly Iannou (Cyprus) indicated that the Asian Group had nominated Japan, Jordan and Samoa. The President encouraged the focal points for the remaining regional groups to continue their consultations and to report at the next Bureau meeting.

b) 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute

The representative of Liechtenstein, Mr. Stefan Barriga, provided an update on consultations regarding possible events for the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute on 17 July, based on a preliminary draft programme, which had been distributed during the third Bureau meeting. He encouraged members of the Bureau to submit any proposals regarding possible panelists for the occasion. The President encouraged him to continue consultations.

c) Dates of the eleventh session of the Committee on Budget and Finance

The Bureau was informed that at its tenth session, which had concluded on 25 April 2008, the Committee on Budget and Finance had decided to hold its eleventh session from 8 to 16 September 2008 in The Hague.

d) Vacancy announcement for the post of Deputy Registrar of the Court

The Bureau was informed that the post of Deputy Registrar of the Court, which had originally been advertised by the Court on 4 July 2007 with a deadline of 5 August 2007, had been re-advertised on 18 April 2008 with a deadline of 18 May 2008.

e) Resumed sixth session of the Assembly

The Bureau approved a provisional programme of work for the resumed sixth session of the Assembly and requested the Secretariat to disseminate it to States.

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