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**Tenth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting  
November 20, 2007  
Agenda and Decisions**

*Ambassador Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia (Samoa), the Coordinator of the New York Working Group, chaired the meeting*

**1. Reports by the Working Groups**

*The Hague Working Group*

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

- (a) Report on the permanent premises of the Court
- (b) Report on the Strategic Plan of the Court

*New York Working Group*

The facilitator on the issues of the Review Conference and the proposed amendments to Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims, Mr. Sabelo Sivuyile Maqungo (South Africa), provided an update on his consultations on the two issues.

On the issue of the *Review Conference*, he informed that there appears to be a preference for holding the Review Conference in the first semester of 2010.

As regards the venue of the conference, he informed that, so far, three options are under consideration:

- (a) The Hague;
- (b) United Nations Headquarters; and
- (c) Uganda

In this connection, the facilitator indicated that the availability of the United Nations Headquarters cannot be confirmed as it is subject to the spatial constraints posed by the Capital Master Plan, under consideration by the United Nations General Assembly. As regards holding the conference in Uganda, he indicated that he still awaited more substantive information from the Government of Uganda on the exact nature of their offer. In view of the foregoing, he expressed doubt that a decision on the venue could be taken at the sixth session of the Assembly, as more time was needed for further consultations and, if necessary, to develop objective criteria for selecting the venue.

The Bureau requested the facilitator to hold further consultations and report back to the next meeting of the Bureau.

As regards the proposed amendments to the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims, the facilitator informed that preliminary consultations had demonstrated the need for further substantive consideration of the matter. The Bureau requested the facilitator to continue with the consultations in the margins of the sixth session of the Assembly.

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

### *(a) Elections: organizational aspects*

The New York Liaison Office was entrusted with liaising with States Parties towards identifying five individuals, one from each of the five regional groups, who would serve as national tellers during the elections.

### *(b) General debate*

The Bureau was informed that the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, will address the Assembly on Monday, 3 December, in the morning.

The Bureau requested delegations to limit their statements to five minutes. Furthermore, the Bureau agreed to recommend to the Assembly that 45 minutes be allocated to NGO statements at the end of the general debate.

### *(c) Election of the President of the Assembly*

The focal point for the election of the President of the Assembly for the next triennium, Ambassador Rosemary Banks (New Zealand), indicated she would continue with informal consultations and report at the next Bureau meeting.

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

The Bureau was informed that by a communication dated 30 October, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela had withdrawn the candidacy of Mr. Rodrigo Yáñez Pilgrim.

The representatives of the Netherlands and South Africa were requested to continue directing efforts at obtaining regional endorsements for the candidates to the Committee.

### *(e) Recommendations on the election of the Registrar*

The Bureau was informed that by a letter, dated 15 November 2007, the President of the International Criminal Court notified the President of the Assembly of the withdrawal of Ms. Kalyani Pillay (South Africa) as a candidate for the position of Registrar. Consequently, the number of candidates on the short-list submitted by the Presidency of the Court to the Assembly had been reduced to nine.

Pursuant to the decision taken by the Bureau at its ninth meeting on 15 October 2007, the Bureau considered an informal paper, prepared by the Secretariat, containing draft recommendations/guidelines on the criteria that might be used by the Assembly when considering its recommendations on the election of the Registrar. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to prepare a revised version of the paper containing very general recommendations for consideration at the next Bureau meeting. The recommendations should include issues such as the need to give due regard to equitable geographical representation and gender

balance, competence and experience. Consideration should also be given to the fact that the Registrar and Deputy Registrar possess different nationalities.

*Deputy Registrar*

As regards the election of the Deputy Registrar, the Bureau was informed that the Coordinator of The Hague Working Group, Ambassador Sandra Fuentes (Mexico) had requested the Court, in a letter dated 15 November 2007, to provide additional information on the issue. In particular, clarifications were sought regarding the process of short-listing candidates and an indication of the number of applications received with a breakdown per geographical region and gender. In response to the Coordinator's letter, a representative of the Registry had provided some additional information at the 19 November meeting of the Working Group. Nonetheless, the Working Group requested the Registrar for a written reply to the specific points contained in the 15 November letter from Ambassador Fuentes.

**3. Other matters**

*(a) ICC-General Assembly resolution*

Ms. Brechje Schwachöfer (Netherlands), the coordinator of the ICC resolution for the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly informed that consultations on the resolution had concluded and that the draft resolution had been submitted to the Secretariat of the General Assembly.

*(b) Next Bureau meeting*

The Bureau decided to hold its next meeting on 29 November, in the evening, at the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations.

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