



Third ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
1 April 2008
Agenda and Decisions

The President-elect, Ambassador Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein), 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 agreed to allocate the issue of geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff to the Working Group in New York. Consultations will be needed to identify a facilitator for the issue.

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

Since no facilitator could be identified so far, the Bureau decided to revert to this issue at the next meeting.

c) Strategic Plan of the International Criminal Court

The Bureau designated Ambassador Hlengiwe Buhle Mkhize (South Africa) as the facilitator for the Strategic Plan of the International Criminal Court, with a special focus on the issues of outreach and victims. The Coordinator of The Hague Working Group, Ambassador Kirsten Biering (Denmark), would address all other aspects of the Strategic Plan.

d) Proposed programme budget for 2009

The Bureau designated Mr. Masud Husain (Canada) as the facilitator for the proposed programme budget for 2009.

2) Review Conference

The facilitator for the Review Conference, Mr. Sabelo Sivuyile Maqungo (South Africa), indicated that an informal meeting of the New York Working Group on this issue is scheduled to take place on 15 April 2008.

The Chairperson informed the Bureau that the Government of Uganda intended to invite the Bureau to send a mission to Uganda to assess the facilities in Kampala as a possible venue for the Review Conference.

3) Oversight Committee on permanent premises

The Chairperson informed the Bureau that at the fifth meeting of the Oversight Committee, held on 19 March, the host State had provided an update on the architectural design competition, wherein it indicated that six applications had been received. The host State expected that additional applications would be submitted shortly before the closing date, i.e. 1 April 2008.

At the same meeting, the Committee agreed to request ICC Procurement to enter into negotiations with a recruitment agency to advertise the position of Project Director.

4) Staff Pension Committee

The Bureau designated Mr. Pedro Saldanha (Brazil) as an alternate member of the Staff Pension Committee.

5) Other matters

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

The Chairperson indicated that consultations towards determining the composition of the Bureau for the seventh to ninth sessions were continuing and reminded delegations that it would be useful to finalize this process before the resumed sixth session of the Assembly in June 2008.

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

The Chairperson provided an update on his consultations regarding possible events for the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute on 17 July. He distributed a preliminary draft programme, which would include addresses by the Secretary-General of the United Nations (invited) as well as by the senior officials of the Court. The Bureau agreed that part of the event would be devoted to an award ceremony in honor of H.E. Mr. Arthur Robinson, former President of Trinidad and Tobago, for his outstanding contribution to the cause of international justice.

A further event would take place in The Hague, on 3 July 2008, organized by the Netherlands and France.

c) Tentative dates for the second resumption of the seventh session

The Bureau was informed of the possibility to hold the second resumption of the seventh session, devoted to the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression, at United Nations Headquarters, from 6 - 10 April 2009. Pending a final decision by the Assembly at its seventh session the facilities will be reserved by the Secretariat.

d) Solemn undertaking ceremony for the new Registrar

The Bureau was informed that the solemn undertaking ceremony for the new Registrar, Ms. Silvana Arbia (Italy), will take place on Thursday, 17 April, at the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

e) Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims

The Bureau noted that, at its fourth session, the Assembly adopted resolution ICC-ASP/4/Res.3, containing the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims. In addition, the Assembly had decided to assess the implementation of the Regulations not later than at its seventh regular session.

Subsequent to a request by the Secretariat of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, the Bureau agreed to mandate The Hague Working Group to consider, in advance of the seventh session, the draft amendments the Secretariat may wish to propose and requested the Coordinator of the Working Group to initiate consultations towards identifying a facilitator for the issue.

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