



**Fourth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting**

**15 March 2010**

**Agenda and Decisions**

*The President of the Assembly, H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein), chaired the meeting.*

**1. Review Conference**

**a) Stocktaking**

*Panels*

The Bureau continued its discussion on the issue of funding for panellists at the Review Conference and considered three options:

- i) A supplementary budget proposal that would foresee funding for all panellists;
- ii) A supplementary budget proposal that would provide a capped amount for the funding of some, but not all panellists, since a number of them would have their own means of funding their travel to Kampala;
- iii) No funding through the Court's budget at all, but reliance on individual arrangements and voluntary funding.

The Bureau decided that the third option would not be desirable and that a supplementary budget proposal reflecting both options (i) and (ii) above should be prepared. Members of the Committee on Budget and Finance would also be consulted informally on this matter before the Assembly would take a decision on this matter at the resumed eighth session. It was noted that the Bureau could not take such a decision itself.

**b) Invitation to the members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims**

The Bureau took note that the participation of members of the Board of Directors would have no programme budget implications for the Court. The funding for such participation would have to be financed through other means rather than by the Court's budget. The Bureau decided to extend a formal invitation to the Board members.

**c) List of issues to be addressed in preparation of the Review Conference**

*i) Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Uganda*

The representative of Uganda informed the Bureau that the Parliament had adopted legislation to implement the Rome Statute at the domestic level. On the draft Memorandum of Understanding, he informed the Bureau that according to his information, all outstanding issues had in the meantime been agreed upon between the Government of Uganda and the Court, including the outstanding issues of draft article 10 thereof. The precise amount of the deposit to be paid under this article had been revised. The Bureau took note of this information and decided to request confirmation from the Court.

Regarding the status of the UCC case, the Bureau received a clear indication from the Court that it would only be in a position to sign the Memorandum of Understanding after having received the formal notification of the withdrawal of the case. The representative of Uganda referred to the progress made in this regard. The President requested the representative of Uganda to convey the urgency of the matter to the authorities of Uganda.

*ii) Drafting Committee*

The Bureau continued the discussion on the work and composition of the Drafting Committee at the Review Conference. The President underlined that, compared to the Rome Conference, the Drafting Committee in Kampala would have a much more limited role, namely to ensure the accuracy of all the language versions of amendments to the Rome Statute adopted by the Review Conference. In line with the Bureau's view that some work on the various language versions could already be undertaken informally, the Bureau noted the following delegations' willingness to participate in the work of the Drafting Committee:

Arabic: Jordan  
English: United Kingdom  
French: Gabon  
Russian: Russian Federation  
Spanish: Spain

The Bureau noted that there would also be the need to identify a delegation responsible for the Chinese language for the informal preparatory work on the language versions. The precise format and composition of the formal Drafting Committee at the Review Conference will be decided at a later stage.

**d) High-level declaration / pledges**

The Bureau approved the idea of the elaboration of a high-level declaration to be adopted at the Review Conference in addition to the respective outcomes of the stocktaking exercise. Such a declaration could also incorporate the most important findings of the various stocktaking topics and refer to individual pledges made by States regarding their support for the Rome Statute system.

The Bureau decided that the preparation of the draft declaration would be conducted in the context of the New York Working Group and appointed Mexico as facilitator for the high-level declaration.

The Bureau invited the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Mr. Robert Young, to address the issue of pledges. He referred to the useful tradition of making pledges in the context of ICRC conferences, which could be adapted for the Review Conference. Pledges could include financial commitments as well as pledges on specific actions to be taken by States or by groups of States. He suggested that sample pledges should be circulated no later than April 2010, with a view to receiving concrete pledges in time for the Review Conference. The Bureau took note of the ICRC's offer to assist with the pledging process and will revert to the issue later.

## **2. Facilitator on the budget**

The Bureau decided to appoint Ambassador Lydia Morton (Australia) as the facilitator for the budget, on the basis of the nomination made by The Hague Working Group on 3 March 2010.

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