



Second ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
4 March 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 considered the option of appointing joint facilitators, in both Working Groups, for the issue of geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff. It was proposed to split the issue into two aspects, with the discussion on implementation of the current policy held in The Hague and the consideration of possible future regulations in New York. Questions were raised as to the feasibility and the desirability of the proposal. The Bureau concluded that further consultations on this question were required and decided to revert to this issue at its next meeting, with a view to taking a decision without further delay.

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

The Chairman requested Bureau members to continue to consult within their respective regional groups towards identifying a facilitator for the Plan of Action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute. The Bureau will consider this matter further at its next meeting, with a view to appointing a facilitator at that meeting.

2. Oversight Committee on permanent premises

The Bureau took note of the status reports contained in letters dated 6 and 28 February 2008 from the Chair of the Oversight Committee, Ambassador Jorge Lomonaco (Mexico).

3. Seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties

a) Provisional agenda for the seventh session

The Bureau approved the provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Assembly.

b) Provisional agenda for the first resumption of the seventh session

The Bureau approved the provisional agenda for the first resumption of the seventh session of the Assembly.

c) Dates for the first resumption of the seventh session

The Bureau considered whether indeed a full week was required to address all issues on the agenda of the first resumption of the seventh session.

The Bureau decided that the session will commence on Monday, 19 January 2009, in New York, with the duration to be determined at a later stage. Nonetheless, the Bureau requested that the facilities be tentatively reserved from 19 to 23 January 2009.

d) Nomination period for the third election of judges of the Court

The Bureau fixed the nomination period for the third election of judges from 21 July to 13 October 2008.

e) Nomination period for the election of the members of the Committee on Budget and Finance

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4. Review Conference

The facilitator for the Review Conference, Mr. Sabelo Sivuyile Maqungo (South Africa), briefed the Bureau on the informal meeting of the New York Working Group on the Review Conference held on 30 January 2008. The date for the continuation of the consultations on this topic in the month of April will be made available as soon as possible.

The Bureau requested the Secretariat to provide further information on the availability of the United Nations Headquarters in New York for the Review Conference in 2010, bearing in mind the upcoming renovation of the United Nations building.

5. Other matters

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

The Bureau appointed Mr. Konrad Bühler (Austria) as the focal point for the Western European and Others Group.

The Chairman requested the focal points to continue consultations within their respective regional groups.

b) Election of the Registrar of the Court

The Chairman informed the Bureau that by a letter dated 29 February 2008, the President of the Court had informed the President of the Assembly that the judges meeting in plenary session had, on 28 February 2008, elected Ms. Silvana Arbia (Italy) as the new Registrar of the Court. The Bureau was informed of a meeting of the African Ambassadors in The Hague where disappointment was expressed that the candidate from Africa had not been elected to this position.

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

The Chairman briefed the Bureau on his consultations regarding possible events for the celebration to mark the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute on 17 July.

He also informed the Bureau that he had received a letter from the Embassy of Uganda in The Hague containing a proposal that, inter alia, the former President of Trinidad and Tobago, H.E. Arthur N.R. Robinson, be invited to the commemorative event and be officially recognized for his contribution to international criminal law.

d) Future meetings of the Bureau

The Bureau decided that, in principle, it would meet on the first Tuesday of each month, while trying to avoid overlap with other official meetings attended by legal advisers at United Nations Headquarters.

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