

## **BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES**

**Eleventh meeting  
29 November 2007**

### **Agenda and decisions**

#### **Sixth session of the Assembly**

##### *a) 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 with States Parties.

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

The Bureau was informed that by a communication dated 26 November, the United Kingdom had withdrawn the candidacy of Mr. Peter Lovell.

The representative of South Africa was requested to continue directing efforts at obtaining regional endorsement for the candidate to the Committee.

##### *c) Elections*

###### *i) Organizational aspects*

The President informed the Bureau that the following five individuals, one from each of the five regional groups, were selected to serve as national tellers during the elections:

- 1) African States: Ms. Stella Orina (Kenya)
- 2) Asian States: Mr. Youn Jong Kwon (Republic of Korea)
- 3) Eastern European States: Mr. Grzegorz Zyman (Poland)
- 4) GRULAC: Ms. Claudia Corti (Argentina)
- 5) WEOG: Ms. Consuelo Serra (Spain)

Furthermore, the President indicated that on Wednesday, 28 November, the Secretariat had organized a 30 minute briefing for the national tellers in order to review the procedure for the election. In addition, a mock election was held to provide delegations with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the voting procedure, as well as with the minimum voting requirements applicable in this election.

###### *(ii) Arrears*

The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Assembly that States Parties in arrears be provided with the opportunity to avail themselves of the expedited mechanism for requesting an exemption from the loss of voting rights under article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute.

*d) General debate*

As regards the procedure for the general debate, the Bureau agreed to recommend to the Assembly that the order of speakers follow the practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations, whereby precedence is given to Heads of State, Heads of Government, then Ministers and followed by statements made on behalf of (regional) groups. Subsequently, Ambassadors and other representatives of States would take the floor.

*e) Composition of the Credentials Committee*

The Bureau was informed that although consultations regarding the composition of the Credentials Committee were continuing, a complete list of members would be available the next day, in the morning.

*f) Recommendations on the election of the Registrar*

The Bureau had before it revised version of an informal paper, prepared by the Secretariat, which contained general recommendations on the election of the Registrar.

The Bureau requested the Secretariat to prepare a first draft of the recommendation concerning the election of the Registrar, based on the recommendation that was made by the Assembly at its first session, which would be considered at the next meeting of the Bureau.

*g) Working Groups: Coordinators*

The Bureau agreed to suggest the appointment of the following Coordinators for the Working Groups of the sixth session of the Assembly:

1. Working Group on the Review Conference: Ambassador Rolf Fife (Norway);
2. Working Group on the proposed programme budget for 2008: Ambassador Hans Magnusson (Sweden);
3. Working Group on the permanent premises of the Court: Mr. Masud Husain (Canada);

Ambassador Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein) would continue to chair the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression.

As regards the allocation of time, the Bureau requested the Coordinators of the working groups to notify the Bureau as soon as possible if their Working Group would not require the full time allocated.

*h) Report on the activities of the Bureau*

The Bureau adopted its oral report to the Assembly.

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