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Note by the Secretariat

The following annotated list of the items contained in the provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties (“the Assembly”) to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/16/1) has been prepared to assist the Assembly in its consideration of issues before it at its sixteenth session, which will be convened at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on Monday, 4 December 2017, at 10 a.m. The status of the documentation reflected herein is current as at 29 November 2017.

1. Opening of the session by the President

In accordance with article 112, paragraph 6, of the Rome Statute, the Assembly meets once a year in regular session. In accordance with rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties (“Rules of Procedure”),¹ the Assembly, at the 11th meeting of its fifteenth session, on 24 November 2016, decided to convene its sixteenth session in New York from 4 to 14 December 2017.

2. Silent prayer or meditation

Pursuant to rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure, immediately after the opening of the first plenary meeting and immediately preceding the closing of the final plenary meeting, the President shall invite the representatives to observe one minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Rules 10 to 13 and 18 to 22 of the Rules of Procedure concerning the agenda are applicable to regular sessions.

In accordance with rules 10 and 11 of the Rules of Procedure, the provisional agenda for the sixteenth session was issued on 6 March 2017. In accordance with rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure, the agenda shall be submitted to the Assembly for approval as soon as possible after the opening of the session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (ICC-ASP/16/1)

4. Election of the President for the seventeenth to nineteenth sessions

In accordance with rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties,² “[s]hould the regular session of the Assembly marking the end of the Bureau’s term of office be held later in the calendar year than the previous regular session, the Bureau shall continue to serve until the conclusion of that session. Unless the Assembly decides otherwise, the Assembly shall elect a new composition of the Bureau at the regular session marking the end of the term of office of the Bureau. The Bureau so elected shall assume its functions only at the conclusion of the session at which it is elected and shall hold office until the end of its term. The Bureau shall assist the Assembly in the discharge of its responsibilities.”

On 5 July 2017, the Bureau decided to recommend to the Assembly that Mr. O-Gon Kwon (Republic of Korea) be elected President of the Assembly for its seventeenth to nineteenth sessions.

5. Election of two Vice-Presidents and eighteen members of the Bureau for the seventeenth to nineteenth sessions

In accordance with article 112, paragraphs 3 (a) and (b), of the Rome Statute, the Assembly shall have a Bureau consisting of a President, two Vice-Presidents and 18 members elected by the Assembly for three-year terms. Furthermore, the Bureau shall have a representative character, taking account, in particular, equitable geographical distribution and the adequate representation of the principal legal systems of the world.

Pursuant to rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure, as amended by resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.2, at the 5th meeting of its third session, the Assembly agreed on the following composition of the Bureau:

¹ *Official Records of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, First session, New York, 3-10 September 2002* (ICC-ASP/1/3 and Corr.1), part II.C.

² As amended by resolution ICC-ASP/12/Res.8, annex III.

- Group of African States: 5 seats;
- Group of Asia-Pacific States: 3 seats.
- Group of Eastern European States: 4 seats;
- Group of Latin American and Caribbean States: 4 seats; and
- Group of Western European and other States: 5 seats;

6. States in arrears

According to article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute, "A State Party which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions towards the costs of the Court shall have no vote in the Assembly and in the Bureau if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years."

At its fourth session, the Assembly took note of the report of the Bureau on the arrears of States Parties³ and the recommendations therein and invited the Bureau to report back to the fifth session of the Assembly on the status of arrears, including on suggestions, if necessary, of measures to promote the timely, full and unconditional payment of assessed contributions and advances towards the costs of the Court. Furthermore, the Assembly decided that requests for exemption under article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute, should be submitted by States Parties to the Secretariat of the Assembly at least one month before the session of the Committee on Budget and Finance ("the Committee"), so as to facilitate the Committee's review of the requests and that the Committee should advise the Assembly before the Assembly decided on any requests for exemption under article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute.⁴

At its fifth session, the Assembly renewed the appeal to States Parties in arrears to settle their accounts with the Court as soon as possible. In this connection, the Assembly adopted resolution ICC-ASP/5/Res.3 containing recommendations setting out a specific procedure for requesting exemptions from the loss of voting rights⁵ and decided that the Bureau should review on a regular basis the status of payments received throughout the financial year of the Court and consider additional measures to promote payments by States Parties, as appropriate.⁶

At its twelfth session, the Assembly decided to biannualize the report on the arrears of States Parties.⁷ At its fourteenth and fifteenth sessions, the Assembly decided that the Bureau, through the President of the Assembly, the Coordinator of the Working Group and the focal point or facilitator, "should continue to monitor the status of payments received throughout the financial year of the Court and consider additional measures to promote payments by all States Parties, as appropriate, continue to engage in dialogue with States Parties that have outstanding contributions or are in arrears and report thereon to the Assembly".⁸

Documentation

Report of the Bureau on the arrears of States Parties (ICC-ASP/16/34)

³ ICC-ASP/4/14.

⁴ *Official Records ... Fourth session ... 2005* (ICC-ASP/4/32), part III, ICC-ASP/4/Res.4, paras. 40, 43 and 44.

⁵ *Official Records ... Fifth session ... 2006* (ICC-ASP/5/32), part III, ICC-ASP/5/Res.3, annex III.

⁶ *Ibid.*, para. 42.

⁷ *Official Records ... Twelfth session ... 2013* (ICC-ASP/12/20), vol. I, part III ICC-ASP/12/Res.8, annex I, para. 10.

⁸ *Official Records ... Fourteenth session ... 2015* (ICC-ASP/14/20), vol. I, part III, ICC-ASP/14/Res.4, annex I, para. 14 and *Official Records ... Fifteenth session ... 2016* (ICC-ASP/15/20), vol. I, part III, ICC-ASP/15/Res.5, annex I, para. 17.

7. Credentials of representatives of States at the sixteenth session*(a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee*

Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, provides that a Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session. It shall consist of representatives of nine States Parties, which shall be appointed by the Assembly on the proposal of the President.

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

Representation and credentials are regulated by rules 23 to 28 of the Rules of Procedure. In accordance with rule 24, the credentials of representatives of States Parties and the names of alternates and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretariat if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them.

Under rule 25, a Credentials Committee, consisting of representatives of nine States Parties to be appointed at the beginning of each session by the Assembly on the proposal of the President, shall examine the credentials of representatives of States Parties and report to the Assembly without delay.

8. Organization of work

The Assembly will consider and adopt a programme of work at the beginning of the session on the basis of a proposal by the Bureau.

9. General debate

No documentation

10. Report on the activities of the Bureau

In accordance with article 112, paragraph 2(c), of the Rome Statute, the Assembly shall consider the reports and activities of the Bureau and take appropriate action in that regard.

Documentation

Annual report of the Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism (ICC-ASP/16/8)

Report of the Court on cooperation (ICC-ASP/16/16)

Report of the Bureau on cooperation (ICC-ASP/16/17)

Report of the Bureau on the Plan of action of the Assembly of States Parties for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/16/18)

Report of the Bureau on the Study Group on Governance (ICC-ASP/16/19)

Report to the Bureau on the Budget sub-topics of Budget Management Oversight and Premises (ICC-ASP/16/21)

Report of the Chair of the working group of the Bureau on the implementation of article 97 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/16/29)

Report on the constitution and activities of the International Criminal Court Bar Association (“ICCBA”) (ICC-ASP/16/30)

Report of the Bureau on complementarity (ICC-ASP/16/33)

Report of the Bureau on the arrears of States Parties (ICC-ASP/16/34)

Report of the Bureau on equitable geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/16/35)

Report of the Bureau on non-cooperation (ICC-ASP/16/36)

11. Report on the activities of the Court

Under article 112, paragraph 2(b), of the Rome Statute, the Assembly shall provide management oversight to the Presidency, the Prosecutor and the Registrar regarding the administration of the Court. In accordance with article 112, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute, the President of the Court, the Prosecutor and the Registrar or their representatives may participate in meetings of the Assembly. As provided in rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, they may make oral or written statements and provide information on any question under consideration. Accordingly, the President of the Court will present a report on the activities of the Court since the previous session of the Assembly.

Documentation

Report on the activities of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/16/9)

12. Report of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims

By its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.6,⁹ the Assembly established a Trust Fund for the benefit of victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court, and of the families of such victims, as well as a Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of victims.

In accordance with paragraph 11 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.6, the Board shall report annually to the Assembly on the activities and projects of the Fund and on all offered voluntary contributions, regardless of whether they were accepted or refused.

Documentation

Report to the Assembly of States Parties on the projects and the activities of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (ICC-ASP/16/14)

13. Advisory Committee on the nominations of judges

The establishment of the Advisory Committee on nominations of judges is foreseen in article 36, paragraph 4 (c), of the Rome Statute. Its terms of reference are set out in the report of the Bureau on the establishment of an Advisory Committee on nominations of judges of the International Criminal Court.¹⁰

According to its terms of reference, the Advisory Committee on nominations of judges is mandated to “facilitate that the highest-qualified individuals are appointed as judges of the International Criminal Court”. The information and analysis presented by the Committee is to inform the decision-making of States Parties and is not in any way binding on them or on the Assembly of States Parties.

The Advisory Committee held its sixth meeting from 18 to 25 September 2017 and submitted its report to the Assembly.

Documentation

Report of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges on the work of its sixth meeting (ICC-ASP/16/8)

⁹ *Official Records ... First session, New York, 3-10 September 2002* (ICC-ASP/1/3 and Corr.1), part IV.

¹⁰ ICC-ASP/10/36, annex and ICC-ASP/13/Res.5, para. 45 and annex III.

14. Election of six judges

On 20 February 2017 the Bureau decided to open the nomination period for the election of six judges, in accordance with paragraphs 3 of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended by resolutions ICC-ASP/5/Res.5, ICC-ASP/12/Res.8, annex I, and ICC-ASP/14/Res.4, annex II.

Under the terms of article 36 of the Rome Statute, six judges will be elected to serve for a term of nine years. According to article 36, paragraphs 3 and 5, the judges are to be nominated from among persons of high moral character, impartiality and integrity who possess the qualifications required in their respective State for appointment to the highest judicial offices. Every candidate for election to the Court should also have an excellent knowledge of and be fluent in at least one of the working languages of the Court. In addition, two lists of candidates have been established:

(a) *List A*: Candidates having established competence in criminal law and procedure, and the necessary relevant experience, whether as judge, prosecutor, advocate or in other similar capacity, in criminal proceedings;

(b) *List B*: Candidates having established competence in relevant areas of international law such as international humanitarian law and the law of human rights, and extensive experience in a professional legal capacity which is of relevance to the judicial work of the Court.

For purposes of this election to the Court, at least one judge will be elected from List A and at least one judge will be elected from List B. In addition, at least one judge will be elected from the African group, one from the Asia-Pacific group and one from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States. Furthermore, at least five female judges will be elected.

In accordance with the decision of the Bureau at its 20 February 2017 meeting, the nomination period for the elections for the posts of six judges was open from 24 April to 16 July 2017 (Central European Time), and was extended, by the decision of the President of the Assembly pursuant to ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, until 30 July, 13 August and 27 August 2017, respectively.

Documentation

Sixth election of judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/16/3 and Add.1)

Election of the judges of the International Criminal Court: guide for the sixth election (ICC-ASP/16/4)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges on the work of its sixth meeting (ICC-ASP/16/7)

Informal guide and commentary to the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/16/INF.2)

15. Election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance

By its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.4, the Assembly established a Committee on Budget and Finance. The Committee is composed of 12 members of different nationalities who shall be experts of recognized standing and experience in financial matters at the international level from States Parties. They shall be elected by the Assembly for a term of office of three years on the basis of equitable geographical distribution.

On 20 February 2017, the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties (“the Assembly”) decided that the election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance would take place at the sixteenth session of the Assembly. Pursuant to the decision of the Bureau, the nomination period for the candidates for six seats on the Committee on Budget and Finance ran from 5 June to 27 August 2017 (Central European Time).

The distribution of seats among the regional groups for the purpose of the first election was established in paragraph 8 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5 as follows:

- (a) Two seats for the Group of African States;
- (b) Two seats for the Group of Asian States;
- (c) Two seats for the Group of Eastern European States;
- (d) Two seats for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and
- (e) Four seats for the Group of Western European and Other States.

The six members whose terms of office end on 20 April 2018 belong to the following regional groups:

- (a) African States- one seat;
- (b) Asia-Pacific States- two seats;
- (c) Eastern European States- one seat;
- (d) Latin American and Caribbean States- one seat; and
- (e) Western European and Other States- one seat.

By the closing date of the nomination period, 8 October 2017, eight nominations had been received. Of the eight nominations, one was submitted by the Group of African States; three by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; one by the Group of Eastern European States; one by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and two by the Group of Western European and other States. On 1 November 2017, one State Party of the Western European and other States group informed the Secretariat that it had withdrawn its candidature.

Documentation

Election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/16/6 and Add.1)

16. Election of the Registrar

Under the terms of article 43, paragraph 2, of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, the Registry of the Court is to be headed by the Registrar, who shall be the principal administrative officer of the Court. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of the same provision, the Registrar shall be a person of high moral character, be highly competent and have an excellent knowledge of and be fluent in at least one of the working languages of the Court.

Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence¹¹ provides, in paragraph 1, that “the Presidency shall establish a list of candidates who satisfy the criteria laid down in article 43, paragraph 3, and shall transmit the list to the Assembly of States Parties with a request for any recommendations.”

Upon receipt of any such recommendations from the Assembly of States Parties, the judges, acting under the terms of article 43, paragraph 4, of the Rome Statute, and in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3 of rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, shall, as soon as possible, elect the Registrar by an absolute majority by secret ballot, taking into account the above-mentioned recommendations of the Assembly of States Parties.

Documentation

Election of the Registrar of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/16/28/Rev.1)

¹¹Official Records of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, First session, New York, 3-10 September 2002 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.V.2 and corrigendum), part II.A.

Draft recommendation concerning the election of the Registrar of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/16/28/Rev.1/Add.1)

17. Consideration and adoption of the budget for the sixteenth financial year

In accordance with article 112, paragraph 2(d), of the Rome Statute, the Assembly shall consider and decide on the budget of the Court.

Regulation 3 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Court provides that the Registrar shall prepare the proposed programme budget for each financial period and submit it to the States Parties as well as to the Committee on Budget and Finance for consideration. The Committee shall make the relevant recommendations to the Assembly.

At its third session, the Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee that the Court should include in future performance reports data on financial performance and results achieved rather than outputs. This information should be submitted annually to the Assembly through the Committee either in the draft programme budget or in a separate performance report.¹²

In a decision, dated 15 November 2016, the Bureau endorsed the proposal by the Oversight Committee¹³ whereby the Bureau be entrusted with the mandate concerning the governance structure and total cost of ownership of the permanent premises of the Court, via its Hague Working Group which has a facilitation on the budget or, if necessary, a subcommittee thereof.

Documentation

Report on activities and programme performance of the International Criminal Court for the year 2016 (ICC-ASP/16/2)

Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance on the work of its twenty-eighth session (ICC-ASP/16/5)¹⁴

Proposed Programme Budget for 2018 of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/16/10 and Corr.1)¹⁵

Report on Budget Performance of the International Criminal Court as at 30 June 2017 (ICC-ASP/16/11)

Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance on the work of its twenty-ninth session (ICC-ASP/16/15)¹⁶

Report to the Bureau on the Budget sub-topics of Budget Management Oversight and Premises (ICC-ASP/16/21)

Report of the Registry on the approximate costs allocated so far within the Court in relation to referrals by the Security Council (ICC-ASP/16/23)

Report of the Court on its mechanisms to monitor and control the maintenance costs of its premises (ICC-ASP/16/25)

Capital replacements at the International Criminal Court's permanent premises (ICC-ASP/16/26)

Report of the Court on the progress of the development of proposals for adjustments to the legal aid remuneration system as of 2019 (ICC-ASP/16/31)

Updated report of the Court on the progress of the development of proposals for adjustments to the legal aid remuneration system as of 2019 (ICC-ASP/16/32)

¹² *Official Records ... Third session ... 2004* (ICC-ASP/3/25), part II.A.8 (b), para. 50, and part II.A.1, para. 4.

¹³ ICC-ASP/15/Res.2, Annex II, para. 6.

¹⁴ *Official Records... Sixteenth session... 2017* (ICC-ASP/16/20), vol. II, part B.1.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, part A.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, part B.2.

18. Consideration of the audit reports

Regulation 12 of the Financial Regulations and Rules provides that the Assembly shall appoint an Auditor to conduct audits in conformity with generally accepted common auditing standards, subject to any special directions of the Assembly and in accordance with the additional terms of reference set out in the annex to the Financial Regulations and Rules. At the 11th meeting of its first session, on 22 April 2003, the Assembly was informed that the Bureau, acting under the delegated authority of the Assembly,¹⁷ had appointed the National Audit Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as Auditor for the Court for a period of four years.¹⁸

At its tenth session, the Assembly endorsed the Committee's recommendation to appoint *la Cour des comptes* (France) as the new External Auditor of the International Criminal Court and the Trust Fund for Victims for four years starting with the financial year 2012.¹⁹

In accordance with regulation 12.7, the Auditor shall issue a report on the audit of the financial statements and relevant schedules relating to the accounts for the financial period. In accordance with regulations 12.8 and 12.9, audit reports, before their submission to the Assembly, are subject to examination by the Registrar and the Committee on Budget and Finance. The Assembly considers and approves the financial statements and audit reports forwarded to it by the Committee.

Documentation

Financial statements of the International Criminal Court for the year ended 31 December 2016 (ICC-ASP/16/12)²⁰

Financial statements of the Trust Fund for Victims for the year ended 31 December 2016 (ICC-ASP/16/13)²¹

Final audit report on the implementation of a division of external operations (ICC-ASP/16/27)

19. Activation of the Court's jurisdiction over the crime of aggression

The Assembly, by resolution RC/Res.6, adopted at the 2010 Review Conference, adopted,²² in accordance with article 5, paragraph 2, of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, the amendments to the Statute contained in annex I.²³ The Assembly adopted,²⁴ further, the understandings regarding the interpretation of the above-mentioned amendments contained in annex III.²⁵

The Assembly will consider proposals for the activation of the Court's jurisdiction over the crime of aggression in accordance with article 15 *bis* and *ter* and annex III of RC/Res.6.

Documentation

Report on the activation of the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court over the crime of aggression (ICC-ASP/16/24)

¹⁷ *Official Records ... First session, New York, 3-10 September 2002* (ICC-ASP/1/3 and Corr.1), part I, para. 29.

¹⁸ *Official Records ... First session (first and second resumptions) ... 2003* (ICC-ASP/1/3/Add.1), part I, para. 40.

¹⁹ *Official Records ... Tenth session ... 2011* (ICC-ASP/10/20), vol. I, part II, para. 10.

²⁰ *Official Records... Sixteenth session.... 2017* (ICC-ASP/16/20), vol. II, part C.1.

²¹ *Ibid.*, part C.2.

²² RC/Res.6, para. 1.

²³ Annex I is titled "Amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court on the crime of aggression".

²⁴ RC/Res.6, para. 3.

²⁵ Annex III is titled "Understandings regarding the amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court on the crime of aggression".

20. Amendments to the Rome Statute and the Rules of Procedure and Evidence

By resolution ICC-ASP/8/Res.6, the Assembly established a Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties for the purpose of considering, as from its ninth session, amendments to the Rome Statute proposed in accordance with article 121, paragraph 1, of the Statute at its eighth session,²⁶ as well as any other possible amendments to the Rome Statute and to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, with a view to identifying amendments to be adopted in accordance with the Rome Statute and the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties.

The Assembly will consider the report of the Working Group.

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on Amendments (ICC-ASP/16/22)

21. Cooperation

By resolutions ICC-ASP/15/Res.3²⁷ and ICC-ASP/15/Res.5,²⁸ the Assembly requested the Bureau to maintain a facilitation of the Assembly of States Parties for cooperation to consult with States Parties, the Court, other interested States, relevant organizations and non-governmental organizations in order to further strengthen cooperation with the Court.

On 11 December 2017, the Assembly will hold a panel discussion in plenary session to consider the topic of cooperation. The plenary session on cooperation at the sixteenth session of the Assembly will be divided into two sections. The aim of the first half is to briefly explain the main issues regarding financial investigations discussed at the Paris Conference on 20 October 2017. The second half of the cooperation plenary session will address the main challenges on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the Rome Statute in the area of cooperation, but also to increase awareness of initiatives taking place either at the national, regional or international level, and to examine how they are contributing to the effective cooperation, investigation and prosecution of Rome Statute crimes. The session will look into possibilities for further developing cooperation and coordination mechanisms in specific challenging areas, as well as cover other developments in the field of cooperation, including voluntary agreements.

Documentation

Report of the Court on cooperation (ICC-ASP/16/16)

Report of the Bureau on cooperation (ICC-ASP/16/17)

22. Review of the working methods of the subsidiary bodies of the Bureau and the Assembly

At its fifteenth session, the Assembly adopted decisions regarding, inter alia, the general roadmap for facilitations, the duration and reporting of mandates of facilitators and focal points, evaluations of established mandates, the duration of its annual sessions and the inclusion of plenary segments on specific agenda items in such sessions.²⁹ The Assembly also recognized the benefits of rationalizing the working methods of the subsidiary bodies of the Bureau and the Assembly in order to cope with an increasing workload,³⁰ decided to further improve the working methods of the Bureau and the governance of the Assembly, and took certain decisions to that effect,³¹ and conferred certain mandates on the Bureau.

No documentation

²⁶ *Official Records ... Eighth session ... 2009* (ICC-ASP/8/20), vol. I, annex II.

²⁷ Para. 31.

²⁸ Annex I, para. 3 (h).

²⁹ *Official Records... Fifteenth session... 2016* (ICC-ASP/15/20), vol. I, part I, para. 50.

³⁰ ICC-ASP/15/Res.5, para.77.

³¹ *Ibid.*, para. 79.

Ibid., annex I, para. 11.

23. Twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute

The Assembly, by resolution ICC-ASP/15/Res.5, decided to include a specific item on the 20th anniversary on the agenda of the sixteenth session of the Assembly.³² It further encouraged the Court, States Parties, relevant international organizations and civil society to commemorate in 2018 the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute.³³

On 13 December 2017, the Assembly will hold a panel discussion in plenary session to invite reflection on the Rome Statute system's achievements to date, while also addressing changes in the international political landscape since 1998 and the ICC's role in that changed landscape. Through the panel discussion and interventions from the floor, the session will aim to identify a vision of the support, capacity, and adaption needed for the ICC and the broader Rome Statute system to carry out its mandate effectively in the coming period.

No documentation

24. Amended provisional Staff Rules of the International Criminal Court

At its fifteenth session, the Assembly requested the Court to submit, during its sixteenth session, the full text of the amended provisional Staff Rules related to the United Nations compensation package, and applicable as of 1 January 2017, pursuant to Regulation 12.2 of the Staff Regulations.³⁴ The Assembly will consider the amendments to the Staff Rules.

25. Decision concerning the date of the next session of the Assembly of States Parties

In accordance with rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure, the date of commencement and the duration of each session of the Assembly shall be decided by the Assembly at its previous session. At its fifteenth session, the Assembly decided to hold its seventeenth session in The Hague. The Assembly will take a decision on the dates of its seventeenth session and the venue of its eighteenth and nineteenth sessions.

26. Decisions concerning the dates and venue of the next sessions of the Committee on Budget and Finance

In accordance with paragraph 4 of the annex to resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.4, the Committee on Budget and Finance shall meet when required and at least once per year. At its twenty-ninth session, the Committee decided tentatively to hold its thirtieth session from 16 to 20 April 2018 and its thirty-first session from 3 to 14 September 2018.³⁵ The Assembly will take a decision on the dates and venue of the thirtieth and thirty-first sessions of the Committee.

27. Other matters

³² Ibid., para. 1 (c).

³³ ICC-ASP/15/Res.5, para. 8.

³⁴ ICC-ASP/15/Res.1, section N, para. 3.

³⁵ ICC-ASP/16/15, para. 254..