



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Twenty-second meeting

The Hague

12 December 2018

8:30 – 9:30

Agenda and decisions

The meeting was chaired by the President of the Assembly, H.E. O-Gon Kwon (Republic of Korea).

1. Seventeenth session of the Assembly

a) Organization of work

(i) Programme of work

The Bureau approved the revised work programme, which would allow the Assembly to conclude its work a half day early.

2. Allocation of the mandates of the seventeenth session

The Bureau adopted the allocation of the mandates of the seventeenth session of the Assembly (annex).

The President requested the Coordinators of the respective working groups to consult among the members of the groups in order to identify the Chairpersons, facilitators and focal points that the groups would wish to recommend for appointment by the Bureau.

3. Election of the next Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

The Bureau resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

On the way forward, the President proposed that discussions continue in the Bureau on the need, purpose, type of body and its composition during the month of January. With the assistance of the Secretariat and in consultation with the two Vice-Presidents, he would prepare a “roadmap” for the way forward and start a drafting exercise on the terms of reference, taking into account the Bureau discussions so far, and the informal consultations that he had held with States Parties of each regional group. He would aim to present that document for the initial consideration of the Bureau in the first week of February in New York. The Bureau agreed to proceed accordingly.

A point was made that the duplication of work in New York and The Hague should be avoided. It was also suggested that the Bureau rely on the support of the New York Liaison Office for the work to be undertaken in that city on this matter.

4. Other matters

Date and venue of the eighteenth session of the Assembly

The President referred to a draft paragraph in the draft omnibus resolution, by which the Assembly would request the Secretariat to present options for scheduling the eighteenth session of the Assembly, and also request the Bureau to decide on the date and venue of the eighteenth session by 31 January 2019. Once the Secretariat had prepared the options as requested by the Assembly, he would circulate them to the Bureau. The Bureau would revert to this issue during the month of January.

The host State offered assistance to the Assembly if necessary.

Annex

Allocation of mandates as a follow-up to the seventeenth session of the Assembly of States Parties

a) Ad country mandates

- Complementarity
- Plan of action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute
- Non-cooperation¹

b) New York Working Group

- Arrears
- Geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff of the Court
- Omnibus resolution
- Review of the procedure for the nomination and election of judges

c) The Hague Working Group

- Budget (including premises and budget management oversight)
- Cooperation
- Legal aid
- Review of the work and operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism
- Study Group on Governance

d) Bureau

- Working methods review

¹ Based in New York.