



**BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES**

**Third meeting**

**New York**

20 March 2019

Agenda and decisions

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

**1. Draft Terms of Reference for the Election of the Prosecutor**

The Bureau considered the draft Terms of Reference for the Election of the Prosecutor, dated 11 March 2019.

The President stated that he would prepare another revised draft, reflecting all the points raised during the discussion, and submit it for adoption through a silence procedure.

**2. Bureau calendar of meetings**

The President proposed the following tentative dates for meetings of the Bureau in New York in 2019: a) 7 June; and b) 24 October. He highlighted the need for flexibility on the dates and on possible additional meetings, in order to enable the Bureau to deal with issues that may arise unexpectedly and which may require its urgent attention.

**3. Other matters**

*a) Status of contributions*

As regards the status of contributions to the budget of the Court, the President noted that the Assembly had approved a budget of €148 million for 2019, including contributions to the host State loan. As at 28 February 2019, the Court had received €73 million of that figure, or 49 per cent. The total amount of outstanding contributions, for 2019 and for prior years, stood at €95 million. 34 States Parties had outstanding contributions of more than one year, and 13 of those were ineligible to vote under article 112, paragraph 8 of the Rome Statute.

The President highlighted the monthly financial situation reports from the Court which had been circulated to all States Parties since January 2019. These had been requested by the Assembly in the budget resolution adopted at its seventeenth session,<sup>1</sup> and they contained up to date information regarding all outstanding contributions.

The President called on all States Parties with outstanding contributions to make every effort to pay their contributions as soon as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution ICC-ASP/17/Res.4, section L, para. 10.

*b) Resignation of a member of the Committee on Budget and Finance*

The President advised that a member of the Committee on Budget and Finance, Ms. Ingrid Eiken Holmgren (Sweden), had tendered her resignation on 18 March. There would therefore be a need to elect a member to fill the vacancy. The Bureau would consider this formally at its next meeting in The Hague, which was scheduled for 7 May.

*c) Accession of Malaysia*

The President highlighted the news that Malaysia had deposited its instrument of accession to the Rome Statute on 4 March 2019 and would formally become a State Party on 1 June 2019.

*d) Statement by the US Secretary of State*

The President recalled that he had issued a [press statement](#) on 15 March in response to an announcement by the US Secretary of State regarding visa restrictions for some ICC officials. The statement by the President had reiterated the strong support of the Assembly for the Court. The President thanked those who had also issued statements defending the independence of the Court and the system of international criminal justice.

Bureau members expressed their appreciation for the statement by the President and exchanged views on the issues involved.

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