



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Fifteenth meeting

14 December 2020

via Zoom remote link

Agenda and decisions

The meeting was chaired by the President of the Assembly, Mr. O-Gon Kwon (Republic of Korea). The Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, Ambassador Jens-Otto Horslund (Denmark) and Ambassador Michal Mlynár (Slovakia) also participated.

1. Nineteenth session of the Assembly

a) Work programme - General debate

The Bureau decided regarding the General debate that, with the exception of Ministerial level statements and States speaking on behalf of a group of States, all States, intergovernmental organizations, other entities and civil society organizations would provide written and/or pre-recorded video statements, which would be posted on the webpage of the Assembly, but not broadcast in the meeting room.

b) Credentials Committee

The Bureau took note that it was still necessary for it to make a recommendation to the Assembly on the appointment of three States Parties to the Credentials Committee, pursuant to rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties. The President called upon regional groups that had not yet done so to inform the Secretariat of their nominees to the Committee as soon as possible.

2. Preparations for the resumed nineteenth session - update

a) Nomination of national tellers

The President urged the regional groups that had not yet nominated two State Party representatives for appointment as national tellers for the elections to be held during the nineteenth session to convey the names to the Secretariat as a matter of urgency.

3. ASP19 - requests for exemption from loss of voting rights

The Bureau took note that, as at 14 December 2020, a total of nine States Parties were subject to article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute. The Bureau recalled the recommendations of the Committee on Budget and Finance¹ concerning requests for exemptions from the loss of

¹ Reports of the Committee on Budget and Finance on the work of its thirty-second session (ICC-ASP/18/5), paras. 29-30; on the work of its thirty-third session (ICC-ASP/18/15), paras. 170-171; on the work of its thirty-fourth session (ICC-ASP/19/5), paras. 38-41; and on the work of its thirty-fifth session (ICC-ASP/19/15), paras. 155-158.

voting rights in light of article 112, paragraph 8,² as well as the past practice of the Assembly in this regard.

Pursuant to requests received from the Republic of Congo and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, dated 7 and 10 December 2020, respectively, the Bureau decided to recommend that the Assembly grant an exemption to the loss of voting rights to those two States Parties for the duration of the nineteenth session.

The Bureau further decided that it would consider recommending that the Assembly grant any additional requests for exemptions from the loss of voting rights which may be submitted in relation to the nineteenth session. However, for future sessions of the Assembly, the Bureau decided that requests for exemption would be considered only if submitted before the opening of the session.

4. Election of the Bureau for the twentieth to twenty-second sessions

The Bureau took note of the agreement among Bangladesh, Cyprus, Japan, Republic of Korea and the State of Palestine regarding the sharing of three seats on the Bureau for the twentieth to twenty-second sessions of the Assembly.³ The Bureau decided to recommend that the Assembly elect Bangladesh, Cyprus and the State of Palestine to the future Bureau.

5. Mandate of the current Bureau

The Bureau took note that it would be appropriate for the Assembly to take a decision regarding the possible convening of a second resumption of the nineteenth session in the first two months of 2021, and the expiry of the term of the current Bureau. A draft proposal would be prepared by the Secretariat.

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² Article 112, paragraph 8, provides in the relevant part as follows:

“a State Party which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions toward 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.”

³ The regional group nominated five candidates that would serve on the Bureau on the basis of rotation as follows:

- Bangladesh would serve as member of the Bureau in 2021 and 2023;
- Cyprus would serve as member of the Bureau in 2021;
- Japan would serve as member of the Bureau for 2022-2023;
- Republic of Korea would serve as member of the Bureau for 2022-2023; and
- State of Palestine would serve as member of the Bureau for 2021-2022.