



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Fifth meeting

10 June 2013

Agenda and decisions

The President of the Assembly, Ambassador Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), chaired the meeting.

1) Stocktaking of the visit of the Coordinator and facilitators of The Hague Working Group

Bureau members welcomed the 4-5 June 2013 visit of the Coordinator and facilitators of The Hague Working Group. The visit was considered an important first step in providing the opportunity for New York-based delegations to learn more about the work being carried out in The Hague and for an exchange of views with The Hague colleagues.

It was suggested that the format for such an exchange could be enhanced for future occasions, so as to make it less formal and encourage greater interaction. This could be done via different options such as having a briefing first, then a discussion on the topics; having a conference call/videoconference in lieu of a visit; having a videoconference with facilitators who had not been able to travel to New York or with a specific facilitator or two on topics of particular interest; having an exchange of views between the Bureau and The Hague facilitators; or use the format of a workshop. It was also noted that such a visit could assume the function of a mid-term review of the different facilitations.

2) Update on the Court's inquiry into sexual abuse allegations against a former ICC staff member

Speaking on behalf of Court, the Head of the New York Liaison Office, Ms. Karen Mosoti, briefed the Bureau on the steps undertaken with regard to the topic, which included the establishment of an independent external panel that would be announced by the Registry within a few days.

3) Bureau for the thirteenth to fifteenth sessions

As regards identifying future Bureau members for the triennium 2014 to 2017, the Bureau designated as regional focal points to conduct consultations within their respective groups the following members:

Gabon (African group)
Japan (Asia-Pacific group)

The Bureau would consider the appointment of focal points for the other regions at a future meeting.

4) Reform of the working methods of the subsidiary bodies of the Bureau

The *ad country* focal points, Ghana, Sweden and Switzerland, briefed the Bureau on the progress of their work on the reform of the working methods of the Bureau's subsidiary bodies. They noted that although the deadline for comments by delegations had ended on 7 June, further comments could still be incorporated with a view to submitting then the interim report to the Bureau. In the view of the focal points, as the report would contain recommendations for the Bureau and for the Assembly, the Bureau could then consider which recommendations related to its own working methods it could proceed to implement, while others would be submitted for consideration of the Assembly at its eleventh session.

It was agreed that the Bureau could consider the status of the topic and the way forward at one of its forthcoming meetings.

5) Activities of the President

The President of the Assembly briefed the Bureau on her activities including her visits to London and Geneva, as well as on her participation at a seminar to be held in Dakar on 25 and 26 June on the protection of ICC witnesses. The President also indicated that she would take part in the annual commemorative event for the Day of International Criminal Justice, scheduled to take place in The Hague on 8 July.

6) Other matters

a) Appointment of a co-facilitator for the process on the election of the Prosecutor

The Bureau noted that on 4 June 2013 Ms. Urska Kramberger (Slovenia) had been appointed co-facilitator for the topic "Process on the election of the Prosecutor", via a Bureau silence procedure. Ms. Kramberger would work with Mr. Duncan Laki Muhumuza (Uganda), who had been appointed by the Bureau on 28 February 2012.

b) Request for an address by the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the Bureau

The President referred to a request she had received to include in the agenda of the Bureau an invitation to a representative of Kenya to address the Bureau. The Bureau expressed an interest, which would be conveyed via the delegation of Ghana, in receiving from Kenya an indication in writing of what would be the content of such an address, as that would allow Bureau members to consult capitals and be able to have an exchange of views. The Bureau also agreed that in case such a written submission was not feasible, the Bureau would hear an address from the representative of Kenya at its next meeting, to be held the week of 17 June 2013, with possible Bureau comments to the address to be formulated at a later stage.