



**BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES**

**Eighth meeting**

19 July 2013

Agenda and decisions

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

**1. Information by the President as a follow up on the address by the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the Bureau on 17 June 2013**

The President informed the Bureau about her meeting with the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations, Ambassador Macharia Kamau, on 16 July 2013. At this meeting the President informed Ambassador Kamau that Bureau members had met informally on 27 June 2013. At that informal meeting Bureau members had expressed willingness to continue dialogue with Kenya on issues of interest and of concern to Kenya that are within the mandate of the Bureau and of the Assembly. However, at the informal meeting on 27 June 2013 no consensus had emerged about convening a special session of the Assembly on the basis of the 17 June 2013 oral statement to the Bureau by the representative of Kenya.

The Bureau decided that it would consider this issue again only if new information was submitted or if new circumstances arose.

**2. Visit of ICC indictee to a State Party**

The President informed the Bureau that the President of Sudan, Mr. Omar Hassan Ahmed Al Bashir, had visited Nigeria from 14 to 16 July 2013, and recalled that two warrants of arrest were outstanding against Mr. Al Bashir. Pre-Trial Chamber II had issued a decision on 15 July 2013 requesting Nigeria to immediately arrest Mr. Al Bashir. President Intelmann had sent a letter to H.E. Olugbenga Ashiru, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, on 15 July 2013. The President had also issued a press statement on 16 July 2013.

The President thanked all States and other stakeholders who had contacted the government of Nigeria reminding it of its obligations under the Rome Statute with regard to Mr. Al Bashir's visit.

President Intelmann informed the Bureau of the phone call she had received on 18 July 2013 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, H.E. Olugbenga Ashiru, during which the Minister had assured her of Nigeria's continued commitment to international criminal justice, the Rome Statute and the Court. Mr. Ashiru indicated that a formal response letter to President Intelmann was forthcoming.<sup>1</sup> The President conveyed that she had indicated

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<sup>1</sup> The letter by H.E. Olugbenga A. Ashiru, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, was received by President Intelmann on 22 July 2013.

to the Minister that the success of the Court depended on State Parties' support and cooperation with the Court.

No representative of the state concerned was present at the Bureau meeting to provide further information or comment.

### **3. Preparations of the twelfth session of the Assembly**

The President recalled that the Bureau, at its meeting on 12 February 2013, had considered the draft provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Assembly of States Parties without approving it. The President informed the Bureau that her office would conduct consultations with Bureau members to facilitate the adoption of the agenda at the next Bureau meeting. These consultations will include discussion of the proposal by Belgium that a pledging ceremony for the ratification of the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Court be included on the agenda of the twelfth session.

The President further reminded the Bureau members of the letters from the Secretariat on the Plan of action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute (ICC-ASP/12/S/008) and on complementarity (ICC-ASP/12/S/012 and ICC-ASP/12/S/013), which had been sent to States Parties on 13 February 2013 and 12 April 2013, respectively. In these letters States are requested to provide the Secretariat with information relevant to the promotion of the ratification and full implementation of the Rome Statute and on any capacity-building needs or activities related to capacity-building in the area of serious international crimes. The President encouraged Bureau members to draw the attention of the members of their respective regional groups to these letters to promote the submission of information on these issues to the Secretariat.

### **4. Other matters**

#### *a) Quarterly briefing by the Independent Oversight Mechanism (IOM)*

The Bureau took note of the report of the Temporary Head of the IOM, Ms. Kristina Carey, dated 4 July 2013, covering the second quarter of 2013, submitted pursuant to the reporting mandate of the IOM, set out in resolution ICC-ASP/8/Res.1.

#### *b) Day of International Criminal Justice*

The President informed the Bureau about the event marking the celebrations in The Hague where the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Navi Pillay, had delivered the keynote speech and where President Intelmann had urged States Parties to undertake activities to mark the Day of International Criminal Justice. The President thanked all States and organizations which marked this day by issuing statements, adopting national action plans, etc.

<http://tinyurl.com/DICJ2013>

#### *c) Next Bureau meeting*

The next Bureau meeting will be held in September.

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