



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Thirteenth meeting

5 November 2013

Agenda and Decisions

1. Address by the Registrar of the Court, Mr. Herman von Hebel

The Registrar of the Court, Mr. Herman von Hebel, made a presentation on the proposed budget for 2014, which the Assembly would consider at its twelfth session. In this connection, he highlighted the need to strengthen the activities of the Office of the Prosecutor and recalled the unanimous and coordinated position of all organs of the Court to request States Parties to approve the budget, with a reduction of €4.4 million to the original proposal by the Court, as had been recommended by the Committee on Budget and Finance.

The Registrar also requested support from the Bureau so that the Assembly would endorse and encourage him to proceed with the implementation of the re-structuring plan of the Registry. Furthermore, the Registrar reassured the Bureau that cultural sensitivities and adequate skills are considered a priority as regards the recruitment of personnel of Victims and Witnesses Unit.

2. Preparations for the twelfth session of the Assembly

a) Work programme for the twelfth session

The Bureau recalled that the work programme adopted at the previous meeting was subject to modifications depending on the needs which may arise to allocate or re-allocate time for certain agenda items.

As regards the decision taken by the Bureau at its twelfth meeting to recommend to the Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of an item entitled “Special segment as requested by the African Union: “Indictment of sitting Heads of State and Government and its consequences on peace and stability and reconciliation”” the Bureau was informed that, in accordance with rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, an explanatory memorandum thereon would be conveyed to States Parties prior to the beginning of the session. Furthermore, the Bureau would continue discussing other elements of the special segment at its next meeting.

The Bureau also reaffirmed that current or future proposals of amendments to the Rome Statute should be submitted for consideration by the Working Group on Amendments which, pursuant to its mandate, would treat all proposals on an equal basis.

b) *Designation of national tellers for the elections*

The Bureau designated Uganda as the focal point for the African Group to identify a national teller who could assist with the elections at the twelfth session. Focal points from the remaining regional groups would be appointed at a future Bureau meeting.

3. Reports of the Bureau and its Working Groups

Bureau report on non-cooperation

The Bureau adopted the report on non-cooperation.

As regards other reports, the President requested facilitators and focal points to make every effort to finalize the pending reports in the shortest possible time to allow for timely consideration by the Assembly in advance of the opening of the twelfth session.

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