



## **BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES**

### **Fourteenth meeting**

8 November 2013

#### Agenda and Decisions

### **1. Reports of the Working Groups of the Bureau**

#### *a) New York Working Group*

The Bureau adopted report of the Bureau on the arrears of States Parties, dated 7 November 2013, as amended by the facilitator.

The Bureau recalled that there are other pending reports that is expected will be finalized in the coming days.

These include:

Report on geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff of the International Criminal Court

Report on the Plan of action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute

Report on the procedure for the nomination and election of judges

Evaluation of the procedure for the election of the Prosecutor

#### *b) The Hague Working Group*

The Bureau adopted the report of the Bureau on the Strategic Planning process of the International Criminal Court, dated 1 November 2013.

The Bureau also adopted the report of the Bureau on Salary and all allowances for judges, whose terms have been extended in accordance with article 36, paragraph 10.

## **2. Preparations for the twelfth session of the Assembly**

### *i) Special segment*

The President briefed the Bureau on the outcome of the informal consultations conducted on the additional agenda item (to be proposed under rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly), including with the New York Working Group and The Hague Working Group that met on 7 and 8 November 2013, respectively.

As regards the Special segment the Bureau agreed to appoint as moderator of the panel H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Husseini (Jordan).

On the basis of the input received from the African members sitting at the Bureau, the Bureau took note of the invitation conveyed on 7 November 2013 to the Legal Counsel of the African Union, Ms. Djenaba Diarra, to participate as panelist in the Special segment.

The Bureau took note that the name of a second panelist will be put forward by the African members of the Bureau in the coming days.

The Bureau decided that the composition of the panel and the topics to be discussed during the panel are entrusted to the moderator, but the Bureau understands that such composition will be undertaken in close consultation with African States Parties and with the President of the Assembly.

The Secretariat of the Assembly would provide the requisite support and resources to the moderator and the panelists.

### *ii) Provisional work programme*

The Bureau decided to update the provisional work programme with footnotes to indicate that the Bureau may, if a need arises, allocate time: a) to continue the Special segment on 21 November between 18:30 and 20:00, and b) to the plenary of 23 November in the morning for any item of the agenda, once the elections are concluded.

### *iii) Designation of national tellers for the elections*

Recalling that Uganda had been appointed as focal point to identify tellers from the African Group for the forthcoming elections, the Bureau deferred the appointment of focal points and of tellers of the remainder of the other regional groups to its next meeting in The Hague.

*iv) Oversight Committee on permanent premises*

The Bureau took note that the membership of the Oversight Committee is open for renewal and that, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the resolution establishing the Committee, the Bureau has to recommend the name of the ten States that would compose the Committee. Such names would then be included in the respective annex of the draft resolution, so that the Assembly would proceed with the formal designation.

Bureau members decided to take upon themselves to inform their regional groups that expressions of interest for the Oversight Committee should be sent to the Chair of the Committee.

*v) Oral report of the Bureau*

The Bureau took note that the Oral report of the Bureau is under preparation and will be submitted for approval by the Bureau next week.

**3. Other matters**

*i) Decisions of the Bureau*

The Bureau adopted the Decisions from its 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> meetings.

*ii) Next meeting*

The Bureau took note that the President would be travelling from 11 November, and that the next Bureau meeting would be held in The Hague at the World Forum Convention Center at 15:00 on 19 November, in the Oceania Room.

The Bureau took note that in principle a meeting of the Bureau has been scheduled for each morning at 9:00 throughout the Assembly session at the World Forum Convention Center.

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