



## **Tenth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting**

**10 May 2010**

### **Agenda and Decisions**

*The President of the Assembly, H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein), chaired the meeting.*

#### **1. Review Conference**

- a) Updates by the facilitators and focal points

The Bureau noted that the two rounds of informal consultations of the New York Working Group, held on 30 April and 5 May, respectively, had focused on the draft high-level declaration and the draft outcome document on cooperation. In connection with the latter, the Bureau noted that the question of the format of the outcome was the only outstanding issue.

The Bureau took note of the briefings by the focal points for the stocktaking topics:

*i) Peace and Justice*

The focal points (Argentina, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Switzerland) indicated that they had received confirmation of participation from most members of the panel and were finalizing the list of panelists. Furthermore, they had received six written contributions from States and NGOs. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to post these papers on the website of the Assembly in the Review Conference (“Conference”) segment, for easy access by Conference participants.

*ii) Cooperation*

The focal points (Costa Rica and Ireland) indicated that the discussions in the New York Working Group on 5 May had been inconclusive on the question of the format of the outcome document. The Bureau decided to revert to this issue at its next meeting.

*iii) Complementarity*

The Bureau deferred consideration of this topic to its next meeting.

iv) *The impact of the Rome Statute system on victims and affected communities*

The focal points (Chile and Finland) informed the Bureau that the arrangements for the panel for this topic had been finalized.

b) Seating arrangements

By a drawing of lots to determine the seating arrangements at the Conference, Dominica was selected to occupy the first desk to the right of the President on the Conference floor. The other States Parties will follow in the English alphabetical order. It was decided to seat Bangladesh as a State Party as of 31 May (instead of 1 June only)

c) High-level participation

The Bureau took note of the updates provided by the focal points for the respective regional groups, i.e. Japan (Asia), the Netherlands (Western Europe and Other States), Slovenia (Eastern Europe) and Uganda (Africa).

d) General debate

The President informed the meeting that, as at 7 May, 56 States Parties and 4 Observer States had requested to be inscribed on the list of speakers. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to post the list on the website of the Assembly in the coming days.

The Bureau decided, on an exceptional basis, to allow Bangladesh to be inscribed in the speakers list in the segment dedicated to States Parties on 31 May (instead of 1 June only).

Furthermore, the Bureau agreed to designate the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, in his capacity as convenor of the Rome Conference, as one of the opening speakers of the general debate.

e) High-level declaration

The Bureau took note of the status of consultations on the draft high-level declaration and requested the focal point (Mexico) to continue consultations in the framework of the New York Working Group, with a view to achieving consensus on the outstanding issues.

f) Organization of work

i) *Establishment of working groups of the Conference*

The Bureau decided to recommend to the Conference the establishment of two working groups pursuant rule 67 of the draft rules of procedure of the Review Conferences, i.e. the Working Group on the crime of aggression and the Working Group on other amendments. The working groups would report to the plenary of the Conference.

ii) *Adoption of resolutions on stocktaking*

The Bureau decided to recommend to the Conference that the stocktaking panels for the respective stocktaking topics be conducted in plenary session. The Bureau would

consider the timing of the adoption of the resolutions and outcomes of the panel discussions together with other organizational aspects of the panels at its next meeting.

*iii) Adoption of the high-level declaration*

The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Conference that the high-level declaration be adopted on Tuesday, 1 June, at the end of the segment of the general debate dedicated to States.

*iv) Ceremony for pledges*

The Bureau agreed to recommend that the Conference hold a short pledging ceremony on Tuesday, 1 June 2010 in the afternoon, immediately following the end of the general debate segment. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to make the necessary logistical arrangements for the pledging ceremony.

*g) Memorandum of Understanding*

The Bureau took note that the Memorandum of Understanding for the hosting of the Review Conference had been signed by the Registrar on 23 April 2010 and by the Government of Uganda on 3 May 2010.

*h) Organizational issues*

The representative of the host State (Uganda) provided an update on developments in respect of the organizational aspects of the Conference, focusing on the issues of accommodation and shuttle transportation.

The President informed the Bureau that he had been in regular contact with the Ugandan authorities on organizational issues and that he had conveyed concerns on the level of preparation, in particular regarding the booking situation at Munyonyo, the shuttle transportation and the impact of security arrangements on access to the Conference centre. The President noted with regret that it would not be possible to implement the policy of assigning rooms to States at Munyonyo on an equal basis, because the resort had not cooperated effectively in this respect.

*i) Update on the Secretariat site visit to Kampala*

The Bureau decided to take note, via a silence procedure until the end of Wednesday 12 May, of the report of the Secretariat on the site-visit to Kampala and Nairobi by a joint team from the Secretariat, the Security and Safety Section of the Court and the United Nations Office at Nairobi.

*j) Update on the visit to Bunia*

The President indicated that the Court was arranging a visit to Bunia for approximately 10 to 12 delegates, on 5 June 2010, which would enable them to have a first-hand view of the outreach activities of the Court in the field as well as the projects of the Trust Fund for Victims. The concept note on this matter would be disseminated to all States Parties, and interested delegations were requested to contact the Registry.

**2. Other matters**

The next meeting of the Bureau will be held on 24 May 2010.