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Second ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting 2 February 2010 Agenda and Decisions

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

1. Review Conference

a) Provisional work programme

The Bureau decided it would consider, via a silence procedure, the provisional programme of work for the Review Conference, in light of the discussions to be held at the 9 February meeting of the New York Working Group of the Bureau where the provisional agenda for the Conference would be considered.

b) High-level participation

The Chairperson informed that three out of five focal points had been designated to encourage high-level participation in the Conference: Slovenia, Trinidad and Tobago and Uganda. He invited the remaining two regional groups to designate their focal points as soon as possible.

c) List of issues to be addressed in preparation of the Review Conference

(i) Participation of the Committee on Budget and Finance

The Bureau decided to extend an invitation to the Committee on Budget and Finance to participate in the work of the Review Conference.

(ii) Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Uganda

The Secretariat informed the Bureau that the discussions with the Government of Uganda on the Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/8/Res.6 were on-going with a view to have it finalized within the next three weeks.

The representative of Uganda informed that his Government had set up a website containing important organizational information for the Review Conference, which contained, inter alia, information about the costs of accommodation for the Conference. The website, available at http://iccuganda2010.ug, would be updated continuously with relevant information.

(iii) Side events envisaged

The Bureau requested that, for the sake of proper planning, States and other participants in the Conference interested in holding side events provide information to the Secretariat before the end of February. The Secretariat would then disseminate information electronically to allow participants to plan their attendance at the Conference and its side events.

(iv) Media participation

The Secretariat was requested to try to ensure as broad a dissemination of information as possible, both before and during the Review Conference, particularly in the region, to reach beyond the usual target audience.

d) Drafting Committee

Further to its 15 December 2009 decision on the establishment of a Drafting Committee to ensure the consistency of amendments adopted in all language versions, the Bureau requested the linguistic groups to consult in order to see what amount of work could be undertaken in advance of the Review Conference and to report to the Bureau at its next meeting.

e) Briefing by the President on his visit to Uganda

The President briefed the Bureau on his visit to Uganda where he met President Museveni and other senior officials to discuss, inter alia, the preparations for the Review Conference. Furthermore, he also met with staff at the field office and delivered a public lecture. The President took part in a visit to Gulu organized by the non-governmental organization No Peace without Justice to meet with victims and assess the impact that the Rome Statute system has had in the region; he encouraged delegates to consider participating in similar forthcoming visits.

2. Other matters

Briefing by the President on his visit to Bunia and Addis Ababa

The President indicated that he also participated in a one day visit to Bunia, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Afterwards he also made a visit to Addis Ababa, where he held meetings with delegates attending the African Union Summit and also met officials of the United Nations and the African Union on issues related to the Review Conference and the forthcoming establishment of an ICC liaison office in Addis Ababa.
