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Eleventh ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting

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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

The Bureau took note of the update provided by the facilitators and decided to forward the draft outcome on the stocktaking topic of cooperation to Kampala for a decision on the final format of the outcome.

b) Updates by the focal points (templates)

The Bureau took note of the templates which had all been circulated in their final version and of the briefings by the focal points for the stocktaking topics.

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), Peru, speaking on behalf of Venezuela (GRULAC), Slovenia (Eastern Europe) and Uganda (Africa).

d) General debate / Time limits

In light of the expected great number of speakers during the general debate, the Bureau decided to set a general time limit of 5 minutes for all delegations participating in the debate. Exceptions would be made for Heads of State/Government (10 minutes) and Heads of delegation at ministerial level, including Deputy Ministers (7 minutes).

The Bureau also decided to extend the duration of the second, third and fourth plenary meetings as follows:

- Monday, 31 May: 3 p.m. 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, 1 June: 9 a.m. 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. 8 p.m.

The Bureau took further note of the seating limitations in the main conference room and the planned distribution of special access cards for each delegation for the first two days of the Conference according to their allocated number of seats. All States Parties will be provided with four seats and non-States Parties with two seats. All delegations should make the necessary internal arrangements, especially on the first day of the Conference.

e) High-level declaration

The focal point (Mexico) informed the Bureau on the discussions regarding the last outstanding paragraph, i.e. operative paragraph 6. He furthermore informed that the word "supplementary" had been deleted from operative paragraph 7, after consultations among interested delegations. It was agreed that the Bureau would adopt the draft high-level declaration via the silence procedure and forward it to the Review Conference if agreement on the outstanding issues was reached through consultations in New York within the next few days.

f) Pledges

The Bureau took note of the update provided by the focal points (Netherlands and Peru).

g) Drafting Committee

The Bureau took note of the comments submitted by Spain and conveyed them to the Drafting Committee for its consideration.

- h) Organization of work at the Review Conference
 - *i)* Nomination of the Chairpersons of the working groups of the Conference

The Bureau decided to recommend to the Conference the appointment of the following persons to chair the working groups:

- Working Group on the crime of aggression- H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein (Jordan)
- Working Group on other amendments- Mr. Marcelo Böhlke (Brazil) and Ms. Stella Orina (Kenya)
- *ii) Timing of the adoption of outcomes of the stocktaking panels*

The Bureau decided to recommend to the Conference the adoption of the draft outcomes of the respective stocktaking topics at the plenary meeting during the morning session of Tuesday, 8 June. It was recalled that the negotiations on the content of the draft outcome documents were concluded, and that the texts forwarded by the Bureau would not be subject to any discussion prior to their adoption in plenary.

i) Organizational matters

The Bureau took note of the FAQs circulated before the Bureau meeting which would be discussed in more detail at the informals of the New York Working Group. It was also understood that the FAQs would be further updated in light of additional information available. On the issue of registration, all delegations were encouraged to obtain their badges in Kampala as early as possible, including during the weekend prior to the opening of the Conference, at the registration offices at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs or directly at the conference facilities. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to provide contact information on the website for those delegations seeking confirmation that their registration forms had been received.

The Bureau also took note of the update provided by the representative of the host State on the arrangements underway for the Review Conference. Regarding accommodation, he noted with regret that the hotel at the conference site had not honoured the agreement reached during the site visit which would have dispensed with the requirement of full advance payment. He therefore recommended that outstanding room reservations be made at other hotels.

He furthermore informed the Bureau that the President of Uganda will host a State Dinner on 31 May at 7.30 pm at the State House for a limited number of invited guests.

j) Programme of work

The Bureau approved the revised programme of work, dated 22 May 2010, with the inclusion of a short pledging ceremony at the end of the general debate in the morning session of Tuesday, 1 June.

k) Update on the visit to Bunia

The Bureau took note of the updated information provided by the Court. Since more delegates had signed up for the 5 June flight to Bunia than available seats, efforts would be made to include additional delegates on a separate trip for members of the Committee on Budget and Finance, planned for 2 and 3 June (with an overnight stay).

2. Other matters

The next meeting of the Bureau is tentatively scheduled for 2 June 2010.
