



Eighteenth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting

18 November 2011

Agenda and Decisions

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

1. Premises

On behalf of the facilitators, Australia, Germany and Nigeria, Australia informed the Bureau that negotiations between the landlord and the Court's representatives were on-going. The facilitators had sought to achieve improved rent conditions, including a decrease in the rent payments and flexibility regarding the end date. A counter-offer from the landlord was expected soon, which would then be analyzed by the Court, the facilitators and independent experts. She expressed her hope that arrangements could be finalised by 25 November, and stated that the facilitators were confident that an agreement could be reached by the end of November at the latest.

The Bureau decided to extend the mandate of the facilitators until 30 November.

2. Preparations for the tenth session of the Assembly

a) Committee on Budget and Finance nominations

As regards the nominations for the election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the African Group informed that consultations to identify a consensus candidate for the upcoming election were on-going.

The President encouraged the speedy conclusion of such consultations and requested a further update at the next meeting of the Bureau.

b) Selection of the Credentials Committee members

Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, provides that a Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session. It shall consist of representatives of nine States Parties, which shall be appointed by the Assembly on the proposal of the President. The Bureau requested that the regional focal points for the membership of the next Bureau consult on the membership of the next Credentials Committee. The President noted the importance of ascertaining the membership of the Committee as soon as possible.

c) National tellers

The Bureau heard an update from the regional groups regarding the nomination of national tellers designated to assist with the counting of the ballots for the elections to be held during the tenth session:

- a) Asia-Pacific Group: Japan informed that consultations were on-going.
- b) Western European and Other States Group: the Netherlands informed that consultations were on-going.

The President informed that the names of the national tellers would be circulated as part of the background note to the next Bureau meeting, and encouraged the remaining two groups to nominate tellers as soon as possible.

c) Adoption of the reports of the Working Groups

The Bureau adopted the following reports submitted by The Hague Working Group:

- a) Report on complementarity
- b) Report on cooperation
- c) Report on the Independent Oversight Mechanism
- d) Report on the Strategic Planning Process
- e) Report on victims and affected communities and the Trust Fund for Victims
- f) Report of the Study Group on Governance

The Bureau adopted the following reports submitted by the New York Group:

- a) Report on the arrears of States Parties
- b) Report on equitable geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff of the International Criminal Court
- c) Report on the Plan of action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

As regards the Report on the establishment of an Advisory Committee on the election of judges of the International Criminal Court, the facilitator informed that the Secretariat had received some amendment proposals submitted by a delegation after the expiry of the silence procedure, under which the report had been submitted for adoption by the New York Working Group. The facilitator noted that some of these proposals were quite extensive and related to matters not raised in informal consultations. Specifically, the deletion of paragraph 11 was requested, as well as substantial changes to paragraph 1.

A comment had also been made regarding the title of the Committee, which should be referred to as “Advisory Committee on Nominations” throughout. On advice of the facilitator, the Bureau decided to accept this comment and make the necessary changes in the report.

The President suggested the facilitator conduct further consultations with all States Parties interested in the question, with a view to the adoption as soon as possible by way of silence procedure.

The facilitator recalled the importance of respecting agreed procedures but undertook to conduct consultations as suggested by the President.

d) Supplementary budget

The Bureau requested the supplementary budget proposals (concerning major programme VII-1 (permanent premises) and with the costs of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire) to be issued as expeditiously as possible and submitted to the Committee on Budget and Finance, which would then informally consider and submit its recommendations to the tenth session of the Assembly.

e) Updated work programme

The Bureau had before it an updated work programme, which the President noted reflected a number of new developments.

The Bureau decided to close the list of speakers for the general debate on 30 November at 18:00 New York time.

In light of the space constraints at United Nations Headquarters, the President encouraged those delegations who wished to sponsor side events to consider teaming up or finding alternative venues near the United Nations.

4. Consultations to identify the Bureau for the tenth to twelfth sessions

The following focal points will update the Bureau on the continued consultations within their respective regional groups:

- a) Asia-Pacific Group: Japan informed that consultations had yielded a clean slate. Japan, the Republic of Korea and Samoa.
- b) Latin American and Caribbean Group: Venezuela informed that the Group had not found a consensus, and that consultations would continue.
- c) Western European and Other States Group: the United Kingdom informed that consultations would continue, including at the ambassadorial level at the next meeting of the Group.

The President expressed his hope that all outstanding consultations could be concluded by the next meeting of the Bureau, in order to facilitate preparations for the forthcoming session of the Assembly.

5. Other matters

a) Update on the Independent Oversight Mechanism

The Bureau took note of the letter of the Head of the IOM Selection Panel, Mr. Kanbar Hossein Bor, dated 16 November 2011, informing the Bureau that Ms. Kristina Carey will assume her position as the Temporary Head of the IOM on 21 November. The Bureau also noted that the IOM Selection Panel recommended that no final position be taken on the position of the Head of IOM until after the tenth session of the Assembly.

In addition, in light of the ending of postings the Bureau mandated the IOM facilitator, Mr. Cyril Borlé (Canada), to begin consultations in order to identify a new Selection Panel to consider the way forward on the Head of the IOM.

b) Next Bureau meeting

The next meeting of the Bureau will be on 30 November 2011.
