



**Eleventh ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting**

**1 May 2012**

**Agenda and Decisions**

*The President of the Assembly, Ambassador Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), chaired the meeting.*

**1. Appointment of facilitators of the Working Groups**

*The Hague Working Group*

The Bureau appointed Ambassador Eduardo Pizarro Leongómez (Colombia) as the facilitator for the topic “Victims and affected communities and Trust Fund for Victims”. The Bureau took note of the understanding of The Hague Working Group that he would, together with the facilitator for the topic “Reparations”, Ambassador Mohamed Karim Ben Becher (Tunisia), consider coordinating the work on these two mandates.

**2. Eleventh session of the Assembly of States Parties**

The Bureau approved the provisional agenda for the eleventh session.

As regards the general debate, the Bureau recommended that the Assembly hold a thematic general debate entitled “Tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Rome Statute: the challenges ahead”, and requested the Secretariat of the Assembly to inform States accordingly.

It was noted that the inclusion of a thematic general debate was a compromise, and the view was expressed that after this tenth anniversary year, the inclusion of the general debate on the agenda of future sessions of the Assembly should be re-examined. The view was expressed that, in light of the importance of the general debate, it should be retained.

The President indicated to States the possibility of participating in the general debate by making written submissions, which would be posted on the website of the Assembly and, further, invited States in a position to do so to submit written statements only.

The Bureau would revert to the possible inclusion of a general debate item for the twelfth session of the Assembly during its consideration of the provisional agenda for that session in the first part of 2013.

As for other agenda items listed in the provisional agenda, it was noted that for some of them, such as the Working Group on Amendments or the topic peace and justice, the Bureau would still need to reach a positive decision as to whether or not they would be taken up during the eleventh session of the Assembly, on the basis of a recommendation of the respective Working Group or focal points.

### **3. Advisory Committee on Nominations**

The Bureau opened a 12-week nomination period for members of the Advisory Committee on Nominations, to run from 16 May to 8 August 2012, and requested the Secretariat to inform States Parties accordingly. The communication to States Parties should request nominating States to include a statement as to how candidates fulfil the criteria established in the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee, and should also contain all relevant information for potential candidates, e.g. the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee.<sup>1</sup>

The need for transparency and clarity regarding both the election and the work of the Advisory Committee was raised; the need for the close involvement of the Bureau was also underscored.

Furthermore, the Bureau decided to establish a working group of the Bureau, comprising one member from each regional group, which would be tasked with identifying nine candidates for nomination by the Bureau and election by the Assembly, and with ensuring that the requirements set out in the Committee's terms of reference are respected.

The President requested Bureau members to convey to her their expressions of interest in being part of the working group and took note of the first such expression of interest.

### **4. Contingency Fund**

The Bureau took note of the 12 April 2012 detailed supplementary budget notification for the amount of €1,567,800 to cover unavoidable costs in the situation in Kenya. The notification was submitted by the Registrar in relation to the confirmation of charges issued on 23 January 2012.

The point was made that the cost of the Court's core activities should be approved by the Assembly, with additional and unforeseen costs being funded, as far as possible, by rationalizing existing costs.

### **5. Other matters**

#### *a) Independent Oversight Mechanism*

The President informed the Bureau that the United Nations had agreed to extend the arrangements whereby Ms. Kristina Carey, the Temporary Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism, could continue in that capacity for a period of one year and that the Court was in contact with the United Nations in order to finalize the extension.

#### *b) Tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Rome Statute*

Belgium informed the Bureau that it would organize a one-day workshop in Brussels on 5 June, with a focus on the Rome Statute and the first amendments thereto. Additional information on tenth anniversary events may be found at [www.10a.icc-cpi.info](http://www.10a.icc-cpi.info).

#### *c) Next Bureau meeting*

The next meeting of the Bureau will be held in early June.

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<sup>1</sup> ICC-ASP/10/36, annex.