



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Twenty-fifth meeting

17 December 2014

Agenda and decisions

1. Resumed thirteenth session of the Assembly

Pursuant to paragraph 16(c) of annex I of resolution ICC-ASP/13/Res.5, and concerned at the need of the Court of having a full bench of judges when the Court's workload so requires, the Bureau considered the practicalities of holding a resumed session to fill the judicial vacancy. The Bureau decided that the session could tentatively be held in the second half of May 2015 and entrusted the Secretariat to inquire about the availability of the requisite facilities and services in New York and The Hague for the approximately two days which the resumed session would last. The Bureau would subsequently decide on the venue for the resumed session. The point was also made that it was necessary to ascertain the availability of the President of the Assembly to preside over the election on the dates when the conference facilities and services may be available. The Secretariat would compile such information based on what the United Nations Secretariat and the World Forum Convention Center in The Hague would indicate was available as of 18 May 2015 and the related cost estimates; the Secretariat would then disseminate the information it had managed to compile to Bureau members by the end of 2014. The decision by the Bureau to convene the resumed session and to open the nomination period to fill the judicial vacancy on that basis would take place via silence procedure which would end on 7 January 2015.

In connection with the election to fill a judicial vacancy, it was noted that the Advisory Committee on Nominations would need to meet to conduct its evaluation of the candidates and that the costs of holding such a session had not been included in the proposed programme budget for 2015, as there had been no decision of the Assembly or the Bureau that an election would be held to fill the judicial vacancy when the budget for major programme IV had been prepared.

Since for the same reasons the cost of organizing a resumed session in 2015 had not been included in the proposed programme budget for 2015 under major programme IV, reference was made to the need to resort to the Contingency Fund, in accordance with regulation 6.6, paragraph (c) of the Financial Regulations and Rules

of the Court, in order to cover the costs of organizing the resumed session, which had been unforeseen prior to 17 December 2014 when the matter was raised by the Presidency of the Court during the discussions on the omnibus resolution.

In this connection, the point was made that since the judge elected to fill the judicial vacancy would not assume his/her post until June 2015 at the earliest, there would be a saving of the judge's salary in major programme I for the period starting in March 2015 which could to a large extent offset the cost of organizing a resumed session; such savings could mean that the cost of organizing the resumed session may possibly not have any assessed contribution implications for States Parties.

2. Division of mandates between The Hague and New York

The Bureau requested the Secretariat to prepare the list of mandates based on the omnibus and other resolutions adopted at the thirteenth session of the Assembly in order to allow the Bureau to decide on the division of mandates between The Hague and New York at its next meeting.
