



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

First meeting¹

23 January 2015

Agenda and decisions

1. Division of mandates between The Hague and New York

The Bureau continued its consideration of the division of mandates between The Hague and New York working groups and decided to allocate the mandates as follows:

Ad country mandates:

- Complementarity
- Non-cooperation
- Plan of action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute

New York Working Group

- Arrears
- Geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff of the Court
- Omnibus resolution
- Procedure for the nomination and election of judges

The Hague Working Group

- Budget
- Cooperation
- Strategic planning process of the International Criminal Court
- Study Group on Governance

¹ The meeting was held in The Hague, with President Kaba presiding via videoconference link from Dakar.

The Bureau recalled the invitation to States Parties with interest in the issue of peace and justice, made by the President of the Assembly at the closing plenary of the thirteenth session of the Assembly on 17 December 2014, to approach the Bureau with relevant proposals, preferably accompanied by a concept paper. The Bureau decided to remain seized of the matter and continue its consideration at the next Bureau meeting.

The Bureau would consider some additional mandates at its forthcoming meeting.

2. Resumed thirteenth session of the Assembly

a) Venue and dates

The Bureau decided to hold the resumed thirteenth session of the Assembly in The Hague from 24 to 25 June 2015. The resumed thirteenth session would take place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands with the host State assuming the cost incurred for the conference facilities and services incurred at the Ministry.

As there was no provision in the 2015 budget for Major Programme IV to cover any costs for holding the resumed thirteenth session of the Assembly, the Bureau requested the Secretariat to submit to the Committee on Budget and Finance a notification for access to the Contingency Fund to cover all costs it may incur, including the costs of holding a session of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges. Major programme IV would only draw from the Contingency Fund, if at the end of 2015, it had not managed to absorb such costs within its regular budget.

The Bureau also adopted the provisional agenda for the resumed thirteenth session.²

b) Nomination period for the election to fill judicial vacancy

The Bureau decided to fix the six week nomination period to fill the judicial vacancy to run from 18 February to 31 March 2015 (Central European Time).³ The Secretariat would inform all States Parties of the opening of the nomination period.

c) Advisory Committee on Nominations

The Bureau took note that the dates for the fourth session of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges would have to be determined by the Committee

² ICC-ASP/13/43

³ In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 27(b) of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended by resolution ICC-ASP/13/Res.5.

in light of the dates of the resumed thirteenth session of the Assembly which the Bureau had decided.

3. Other matters

a) Advisory Committee on Nominations

The Bureau decided to submit for consideration by the resumed thirteenth session of the Assembly the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Nominations⁴ to waive the impediment of four members of the Committee, which are not eligible for re-election after the initial three year term, in order to ensure continuity of the Committee's work.

b) Next Bureau meeting

The Bureau decided to hold its next meeting in February 2015.

⁴ Report of the Advisory Committee on Nominations on the work of its third session, ICC-ASP/13/22, paras 19 and 20.