



**BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES**

**Eleventh meeting**

The Hague, 17 November 2015

Agenda and decisions

*The meeting was chaired by the Vice-President of the Assembly, Ambassador Alvaro Moerzinger (Uruguay)*

**1. Fourteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties**

*a) Requests for the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda of the fourteenth session*

The Bureau considered the requests by two States Parties for the inclusion of respective supplementary items in the agenda of the fourteenth session, contained in document ICC-ASP/14/35, Add.1 and Add.2 and, as the two requests fulfilled the criteria set out in rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, decided to include those two items in the provisional agenda of the fourteenth session of the Assembly.

The Bureau reiterated its commitment to the principles of judicial and prosecutorial independence of the Court and to the principle of non-interference in cases that are sub judice.

The Bureau decided to discuss, at its next meeting, the modalities for the consideration by the Assembly of the two respective agenda items, should the Assembly decide on their inclusion in the agenda.

*b) Credentials Committee*

The Vice-President noted that only Chile had indicated its availability to serve on the Credentials Committee and therefore he encouraged all regional groups to consult with a view to identifying the remaining eight members of the Committee.

*c) Update on elections*

*i) Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims*

*Withdrawal of the candidate of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

The Bureau took note of the withdrawal by Bosnia and Herzegovina of the candidate it had presented for election to the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims and of its indication of another candidate after the close of the nomination period.

The Bureau decided to consider the means whereby the Assembly could delegate to the Bureau the election of a member of a regional group that might otherwise be deprived of having a representative on the Board until the next session of the Assembly.

*Status of consultations in the African group*

The Bureau took note that the African group had not reached agreement on a consensus candidate for election to the Board of Directors. The Vice-President noted the importance of having a candidate from the African group for election to the Board during the fourteenth session, and requested the three States which had presented candidates to continue to consult with a view to arriving at a consensus candidate.

The Vice-President indicated that, in the meantime, the Bureau would recommend to the Assembly the election of the candidates presented for election to the seats allocated to the three regional groups which had a consensus candidate.

*ii) Election to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Budget and Finance*

The Bureau took note that, at the close of the nomination period on 5 November 2015, one State, Estonia, had presented a candidate to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Budget and Finance. The Bureau thus recommended to the Assembly his election by consensus.

**2. Report of the External Auditor on the cash reserves**

The Bureau had before it the report of the External Auditor on the cash reserves of the Court, which had been submitted for its consideration on 13 November 2015, pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution ICC-ASP/13/Res.6 whereby the Assembly had requested the External Auditor “to provide the Bureau with a detailed report on the appropriate level of the cash reserves of the Court, and on any risks that might be attached to their reductions”.

In accordance with the resolution, the Bureau agreed to hold a meeting open to all States Parties on 19 November 2015 at 09:00 in order to consider the report and to decide on how to proceed; the External Auditor would take part in the meeting via a conference call.

**3. Adoption of reports**

The Bureau noted that it had adopted several of its reports via a silence procedure, with the exception of two reports which were outstanding.

**4. Contingency Fund notifications**

The Bureau took note of the supplementary budget notification regarding the Contingency Fund, dated 10 July 2015, submitted by the Registrar pursuant to regulation 6.7 of the Financial Regulations and Rules, for the sum of €3,050,000 to meet unforeseen and unavoidable costs in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen* following the surrender and transfer of Mr. Ongwen to the Detention Centre in January 2015.