



## **BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES**

### **Fifteenth meeting**

The Hague, 20 November 2015

#### Agenda and Decisions

*The meeting was chaired by the President of the Assembly, H.E. Mr. Sidiki Kaba (Senegal)*

The Bureau held a meeting open to all States Parties to resume the discussion on the audit report on the cash reserves<sup>1</sup> with the participation of the Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

Concern was raised regarding the External auditor's recommendation to open a credit line<sup>2</sup> and it was stated that this recommendation was based on an earlier estimate of a deficit in the 2014 accounts, instead of the expected surplus, which was calculated in the latter part of 2015 . It was stated that the financial situation, considering the 2014 surplus, would provide sufficient financial security to the Court. However, the representative of the Court highlighted that the updated October 2015 cash flow which estimated a surplus, had been considered by the auditors. The chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance pointed out that the Committee was of the opinion that opening a credit line would be the prudent thing to do, although she also stressed that it was up to States Parties to decide whether to do so.

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<sup>1</sup> ICC-ASP/14/44. This report had been submitted to States Parties on 13 November 2015.

<sup>2</sup> ICC-ASP/14/44, recommendation 2.