



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Eighth meeting

New York

5 December 2017

8:45-9:30 hours

Agenda and decisions

1. Preparations for the sixteenth session of the Assembly

Incoming Bureau

The Bureau considered further the proposal by the Latin American and Caribbean group (GRULAC) that the Assembly proceed to elect by secret ballot the four future GRULAC members of the Bureau.

The five States seeking election to the four seats allocated to the regional group were: Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico. Having held discussions with the five candidate States, the Vice-President concluded that consultations had gone as far as possible.

The Bureau agreed to the proposal by the five States that it recommend that the Assembly hold a vote by secret ballot to elect the four GRULAC members of the future Bureau as soon as the election of judges had concluded. If the election of the four members of the Bureau could not take place after the election of judges, the Bureau agreed to hold said election on 7 December, from 15:00 to 16:00 hours.

States would be required to vote for four candidates, with a vote for less than four or more than four candidates being invalid. There would be no possibility of abstention. A simple majority would be required, with the four States obtaining the highest number of ballots to become members of the incoming Bureau.

Bureau members considered it important to include language in the report by the President to encourage regional groups to seek a full term for States elected to positions within the structure of the Assembly, as prescribed in the Rome Statute.

A view was expressed that the report of the Assembly should reflect that the election of the GRULAC Bureau members by the Assembly was an exceptional situation which should not set a precedent for future elections.

2. Independent Oversight Mechanism

The Bureau agreed to postpone its discussion on the recruitment of the Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism (IOM) until additional information could be obtained.

The Bureau agreed, as a first step, to formally request the Human Resources Section (HRS) of the Court to provide information on the nature and status of the roster created in 2015 in respect of the recruitment process for the Head of the IOM. The Bureau would return to this agenda item when it had received the formal reply from the HRS.

Some Bureau members highlighted the need to respect the integrity of the recruitment process, which should be transparent and expeditious.
