



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Eleventh meeting

New York

14 December 2017

8:15-9:30

Agenda and decisions

1. Sixteenth session of the Assembly

Work programme

The Bureau took note of the revised work programme, dated 14 December 2017, and requested the Secretariat to inform the Assembly of the revised work programme.

2. Election of two Vice-Presidents

The President-elect, Mr. O-Gon Kwon, informed the Bureau of the results of his consultations to identify two Vice-Presidents of the Assembly. He had met individually with the States Parties that had expressed an interest in the two Vice-Presidencies, and noted that all the candidates were competent, capable and committed. Taking into account considerations of geographical representation, the challenges facing the Assembly, including the relationship between Africa and the Court, and the need for continuity, he recommended that the Bureau nominate Ambassador Momar Diop (Senegal) and Ambassador Michal Mlynár (Slovakia) as Vice-Presidents of the Assembly for its seventeenth to nineteenth sessions.

The Bureau decided to recommend that the Assembly elect Ambassador Momar Diop (Senegal) and Ambassador Michal Mlynár (Slovakia) as Vice-Presidents of the Assembly for its seventeenth to nineteenth sessions, pursuant to article 112, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute and rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

3. Independent Oversight Mechanism

The Bureau continued its consideration of the vacancy of the Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism. The Bureau had before it the following papers prepared by the Secretariat:

- a) Powers and function of the Bureau in relation to the recruitment of the Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism, dated 13 December 2017;
- b) Procedures in case of vacancy of elected positions of the Assembly, dated 13 December 2017.

Some Bureau members reiterated the importance of seeking to ensure the integrity of the recruitment process. It was noted that the 2015 roster was no longer valid and that the mandate of the recruitment panel had concluded on the appointment of the Head in 2015, as

indicated in the Secretariat paper referred to at (a) above. The Bureau should therefore follow the ICC recruitment rules, since the position was that of a staff member of the Court and was subject to the relevant rules and regulations. There was, therefore, no other option than to begin a new recruitment process, which would ensure that the appointment was beyond reproach, especially given the investigation mandate of the IOM. It would also ensure transparency and credibility of the appointment since perception was important.

Uganda took note of the positions stated and posited that since the replacement of the IOM Head was urgent, the second-ranked candidate should be appointed to act as Head of IOM and that it was therefore not necessary to begin a new recruitment process.

The Bureau decided:

- a) To open a new recruitment process. It took note of Uganda's position and stated that its decision was not a judgement on the qualifications of the second ranked candidate but was rather concerned with the principles of transparency, inclusion, and the democratic values which the Bureau represented. The expectation was that the new process would be conducted expeditiously, particularly as there was past practice from the 2015 recruitment which could be followed.
- b) To appoint the highest ranking staff member of the IOM as the interim Head of the IOM.
- c) That the new Bureau would need to agree on the modalities for the new recruitment process.

4. Other matters

Bureau members expressed their appreciation and gratitude to President Sidiki Kaba (Senegal) and Vice-Presidents Sebastiano Cardi (Italy) and Sergio Ugalde (Costa Rica) for their valuable leadership and guidance to the Assembly during its tenure.