



**BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES**

**First meeting**

**The Hague**

20 December 2017

10:00-11:30

Agenda and decisions

*The meeting was chaired by the President of the Assembly, Judge O-Gon Kwon (Republic of Korea).*

**1. Allocation of mandates to the Bureau working groups**

The Bureau considered the division of mandates between The Hague and New York Working Groups and decided to allocate the mandates as reflected in the annex.

The Bureau noted that consultations would be undertaken to identify a Chair for the Working Group on Amendments, which is based in New York.

**2. Independent Oversight Mechanism**

As regards the new recruitment process for the post of Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism (IOM), the Head of the Human Resources Section (HRS), Ms. Susanne Seegers, informed the Bureau of the practice of the Court regarding recruitment processes and timelines; she highlighted that the HRS was ready to assist the Bureau in this process as it had done in 2014.

The Bureau underlined that the recruitment process must be transparent, time-efficient and professional, without any political interference. Some members suggested using an external recruitment agency in order to assist the Bureau and to enhance the transparency of the process, although this might delay the recruitment process and have cost implications. Enquiries were made as regards the cost of engaging such an agency. Another suggestion was to seek professional guidance from other United Nations agencies as it could be more time effective and could reduce costs. It was noted that the United Nations had, in the past, secondment staff members to the IOM and, further, that staff of the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) were qualified in the areas of work of the IOM and could provide expert support during the recruitment process.

The Bureau requested the HRS to submit, before the end of December, a draft vacancy announcement based on the 2014 vacancy announcement for the post of Head of the IOM, to be adopted via silence procedure, and published in early January for a period of one month. The vacancy announcement should include a clear reference to the limited duration of the contract of the Head of the IOM.

The Bureau also requested the HRS to propose, by early January, a consolidated process that could be followed by the Bureau, including the assistance by an external recruitment agency or the United Nations, with an estimate of the possible budgetary implications and the timelines.

### **3. Other matters**

#### *a) Twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute*

The President invited all States Parties to consider organizing events, either nationally, regionally or internationally, to mark the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute and to inform him of their plans.

#### *b) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges*

The President informed Bureau members that the term of the members of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges would expire in 2018. Therefore the Bureau would need to decide in the first trimester on the nomination period for the election of nine members, as well as constitute a working group of the Bureau in the second semester to consider the recommendation that the Bureau would make to the seventeenth session of the Assembly.

#### *c) Bureau working methods*

The President indicated that he intended to, as far as possible, hold a monthly meeting, either in The Hague or in New York. He would also try to inform Bureau members well in advance of each meeting and, if possible, he would submit a calendar of Bureau meetings in the coming weeks.

#### *d) Future Bureau meetings*

The President informed the Bureau that he was planning to hold a meeting of the Bureau in New York in the week of 29 January 2018, and a meeting in The Hague either in mid-February or around 9 March.

Another meeting could be scheduled in The Hague around mid-January to discuss the process proposed by the Human Resources Section as regards the recruitment of the Head of the IOM.

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- a) *Ad country mandates*
- Complementarity
  - Plan of action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute<sup>1</sup>
  - Non-cooperation
- b) *New York Working Group*
- Arrears
  - Geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff of the Court
  - Omnibus resolution
- c) *The Hague Working Group*
- Budget, including legal aid, premises and budget management oversight
  - Cooperation
  - Review of the work and operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism
  - Study Group on Governance
- d) *Bureau*
- Assessment of the Secretariat
  - Working methods review

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<sup>1</sup> Based in New York.