



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Third meeting

New York

29 January 2018

Agenda and Decisions

1. Seventeenth session of the Assembly of States Parties

(a) Provisional agenda

The Bureau approved the provisional agenda for the seventeenth session of the Assembly, which would be issued as document ICC-ASP/17/1.

(b) Elections - nomination period

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

The Bureau decided to set the nomination period for the nomination of candidates for election to the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims to run for 12 weeks, from 6 June to 28 August 2018 (Central European Time). The Secretariat would inform States Parties of the opening of the nomination period via a note verbale.

(ii) Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges

The Bureau decided to fix the nomination period for nominations of candidates for election of the members of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges to run for 12 weeks, from 6 June to 28 August 2018 (Central European Time). The Secretariat would inform States Parties of the opening of the nomination period via a note verbale.

The point was raised that the note verbale should indicate that a national of a State Party that withdrew from the Rome Statute could not be nominated nor re-elected.

2. Other matters

(a) Assessment of the Secretariat

As regards the mandate whereby the Assembly had requested the Bureau to conduct an assessment of the core functions of the Secretariat in assisting and servicing the current needs of the Assembly,¹ Bureau members suggested that the matter could be dealt with by appointing an *ad country* focal point, which would allow for discussions in both New York and The Hague. The focal point would then submit recommendations to the President and the

¹ ICC-ASP/16/Res.6, annex I, para. 7 (b).

Bureau. In this connection, it was posited that the former Presidents of the Assembly could also provide input thereon. A view was also expressed that the assessment of the Secretariat had been intended to be forward-looking.

The President indicated that the matter of appointing a focal point would also be discussed in The Hague. He requested the Director of the Secretariat to prepare a written response to the 2015 *ReVision* report on the Secretariat, as to assist with the understanding of the issue in advance of the next Bureau meeting.

(b) Appointments of focal points and facilitators

The Vice-President of the Assembly, Ambassador Michal Mlynar (Slovakia), briefed the Bureau members on the progress made in identifying the facilitators of the New York Working Group, informing that the process should be inclusive and calling on previous facilitators to express their interest in continuing their facilitations.

He informed that the open facilitations included arrears and the Chair of the Working Group on Amendments. As regards the omnibus facilitation, Ms. Damaris Carnal (Switzerland) had indicated that she could continue with the facilitation and that upon her departure from New York in the summer of 2018 her successor would be available to take over. As regards the five focal points on non-cooperation, the consultations continued with States that could assume this role for each of the regional groups.

The President informed the Bureau that he intended to hold regular Bureau meetings, alternating between The Hague and New York. He further informed that the next Bureau meeting would take place in The Hague, while the following meeting in New York would be held in April or May.
