



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Sixteenth meeting

26 November 2025

(hybrid)

Agenda and decisions

The meeting was chaired by the President of the Assembly. Ambassador Païvi Kaukoranta (Finland). Vice Presidents Ambassador Michael Imran Kanu (Sierra Leone) and Ambassador Margareta Kassangana (Poland), also participated.

1. Preparations for the twenty-fourth session

a) Adoption of reports

The Bureau adopted the draft report on cooperation, dated 18 November 2025; the draft report on the Budget sub-topic of Budget Management Oversight, dated 21 November 2025; and the report of the subgroup of the Working Group on Amendments, dated 25 November 2025. It took note that it had adopted seven reports via a silence procedure, on 25 November 2025.¹

The outstanding draft reports on the Operational Mandate of the IOM, the Composition of the Bureau and the Working Group on Amendments, would be circulated under a brief silence procedure.

Declaration of the Assembly of States Parties

The Bureau reaffirmed that a stand-alone, concise, consensus-based political declaration, separate from the omnibus resolution, would serve as a statement of support for the Court, and took note of the ongoing consultations among States Parties. It agreed, in principle and subject to agreement on the text, to adopt the declaration early during the Assembly session, to project unity among States Parties and reaffirm political support for the Court.

b) Ministerial high-level programme: update

The Bureau took note of the update on the Ministerial high-level programme scheduled for 1 December 2025 and welcomed the planned Ministerial working lunch to be hosted by the President. Further, the President would refer to the discussions in her opening remarks in the General debate on 1 December 2025.

¹ (1) Draft report of the Bureau on complementarity, dated 3 November 2025; (2) Draft report of the Bureau on the Plan of action of the Assembly of States Parties for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, dated 12 November 2025; (3) Draft report of the Bureau on Legal aid, dated 13 November 2025; (4) Draft report of the Bureau on the Trust Fund for Victims, dated 14 November 2025; (5) Draft report of the Bureau on the arrears of States Parties, dated 19 November 2025; (6) Draft report of the Bureau on the Study Group on Governance, dated 3 November 2025; and (7) Draft report of the Bureau on non-cooperation, dated 14 November 2025.

c) Elections

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

The Bureau agreed that, should there be one candidate for the one vacant seat at the close of the nomination period on 30 November 2025, the President would recommend to the Assembly that it dispense with the secret ballot and elect the candidate by acclamation.

d) Nomination of members of the Credentials Committee

The Bureau agreed to recommend that the Assembly appoint Costa Rica, Germany, Panama, Slovenia and South Africa to the Credentials Committee.²

e) Nomination of a Rapporteur

The Bureau agreed to recommend the appointment of Ms. Sakura Ozaki (Japan) as the Rapporteur for the twenty-fourth session.

f) Oral report of the Bureau

The Bureau approved the Oral report of the Bureau, dated 24 November 2025, which would be annexed to the *Official Records* of the twenty-fourth session, and took note that the President would deliver an abridged version under the agenda item 8 “Report on the activities of the Bureau”.

g) Arrears: requests for waivers of the loss of voting rights

The Bureau agreed to recommend that the Assembly grant a waiver of the loss of voting rights to a requesting State Party. It noted that a standard procedure for future requests for waiver of loss of voting rights had been proposed to the twenty-fourth session and, if adopted, this procedure would apply to all future requests for waiver of the loss of voting rights.

2. ASP25- Election of judges: nomination period

In accordance with resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended by ICC-ASP/18/Res.4, the Bureau decided that the nomination period for the election of six judges at the twenty-fifth session would run from 5 January to 29 March 2026. It approved the draft note verbale, requested its circulation in advance of the opening of the nomination period, and noted that it referred to the new due diligence procedure.

3. OIOS report- update

The Bureau took note that the OIOS report would be submitted before the end of the year. It also took note of the completion of work by the joint facilitation on the IOM Review and the Study Group on Governance on the implementation of IER recommendation R108, including related amendments to the Court’s legal framework, the IOM’s operational mandate and the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, as well as the Terms of Reference for ad hoc Panels, which had been submitted for the Assembly’s consideration.

The Bureau received a briefing by the Head of the IOM on the Court’s investigative procedures and welcomed the clarifications provided on the distinction between investigative and disciplinary processes.

² In addition to its 5 November 2025 recommendation that Czech Republic, France, Norway and Uganda be appointed.

The Bureau also took note of confidential correspondence addressed to the President and suggested possible responses.

4. Other matters

a) Status of contributions

The Bureau took note that, as at 31 October 2025, the Court had received 95 per cent of the assessed contributions to the approved budget for 2025. The total amount of outstanding contributions was €29.5 million, of which €9.6 million related to the 2025 budget, and €19.9 million to prior years. A total of 30 States Parties had outstanding contributions of more than one year, and 13 of those were ineligible to vote under article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute.

The President encouraged all States Parties to pay their contributions to the budget of the Court as soon as possible.

b) List of meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Bureau held in private in 2025

The Bureau took note of the list of meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Bureau held in private in 2025, and reaffirmed that the Rules of Procedure governing Observer States' participation should be fully respected, with meetings being open unless otherwise decided by the body concerned.

c) Confidential letter addressed to the President

The President informed the Bureau of a confidential communication she had received, of which the Bureau took note.

d) Recruitment of members of the Audit Committee

The Bureau was informed of the completion of two recruitment processes to fill three regular vacancies and one casual vacancy on the Audit Committee.

The Bureau decided, on the recommendation of the Selection Panel,³ to recommend to the Assembly the appointment of Mr. Urenthren Pillay (South Africa), Mr. Md Motasin Billah (Bangladesh) and Mr. Klaus-Ulrich Rackwitz (Germany) to the three regular vacancies, and Ms. Carol Najm (Canada/Lebanon) to the casual vacancy on the Audit Committee.

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³ Pursuant to the Amended Charter of the Audit Committee (ICC-ASP/23/Res.6, annex I, para. 11): https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/asp_docs/ICC-ASP-23-ENG-AC-Charter.pdf