



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Second meeting

15 January 2025

(via remote link)

Agenda and decisions

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

1. Allocation of mandates

The Bureau adopted the allocation of mandates arising from the twenty-third session of the Assembly of States Parties (annex I).

The Bureau decided to re-appoint Ambassador Juan José Quintana (Colombia) as Chair of the Working Group on Amendments, noting the need to move forward with preparations for the review of the amendments on the crime of aggression, pursuant to the mandate from the Assembly.¹

The President noted that the Bureau would take up the appointment of other mandate-holders, following consultations in The Hague and New York, in due course.

2. Special session on the review of the amendments on the crime of aggression

The Bureau discussed preparations for the special session on the review of the amendments on the crime of aggression, to be held from 7 to 9 July 2025 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

a) Provisional agenda

The Bureau approved the provisional agenda for the special session.

3. Discussion on possible measures due to threats against the Court

The Bureau received a briefing by the Registrar on threats against the Court and the measures being taken. Pursuant to the strategy adopted by the Bureau on 29 July 2022 for responding to threats or attacks against the Court, its officials and those cooperating with it,² the Bureau discussed possible measures, in particular a joint statement in support of the independence and impartiality of the Court.³

¹ Resolution ICC-ASP/23/Res.1, para. 163.

² The strategy adopted by the Bureau on 29 July 2022 is available at: <https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/asp/files/2022-08/Bureau-Proposal-Rec-169-ENG.pdf>. An annex containing a compilation of good practices approved by the Bureau on 2 December 2022 is available at: <https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/asp/files/2022-12/PASP-Request-R169-Good-Practices.pdf>.

³ <https://asp.icc-cpi.int/press-releases/PR-20250123>.

4. Recruitment of the Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly: panel report

The Bureau continued its consideration of the confidential report of the recruitment panel for the Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly, submitted pursuant to the terms of reference adopted by the Bureau.⁴ The Bureau decided to resume its consideration of the report at a future meeting, and to invite the Chair of the recruitment panel, Ms. Prisca Matimba Nyambe (Zambia), to brief the Bureau at that meeting.

5. Status of contributions

The Bureau took note that, as at 31 December 2024, the Court had received 94 per cent of the assessed contributions to the approved budget for 2024. The total amount of outstanding contributions was €29.3 million, of which €11.8 million related to the 2024 budget, and €17.5 million to prior years. A total of 23 States Parties had outstanding contributions of more than one year, and 12 of those were ineligible to vote under article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute. The President encouraged all States Parties to make their contributions to the budget of the Court as soon as possible.

6. Other matters

a) Tentative calendar of Bureau meetings

The Bureau took note of the tentative calendar of Bureau meetings for 2025. Bureau meetings would be held, in principle, on the first Wednesday of each month.

b) Twenty-third session of the Assembly: facts and figures

The Bureau took note of a document containing facts and figures associated with the twenty-third session of the Assembly, compiled by the Secretariat.

c) Ratification of the Rome Statute by Ukraine - entry into force

The President recalled that Ukraine had deposited its instrument of ratification of the Rome Statute and amendments on 25 October 2024. The Rome Statute had therefore entered into force for Ukraine on 1 January 2025. The President formally welcomed Ukraine as the 125th State Party to the Rome Statute.

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⁴ See agenda and decisions of the thirteenth meeting of the Bureau, held on 13 December 2023, annex, available at: https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/asp_docs/2023-Bureau13-Agenda-Decisions.pdf.

Annex I

SECRETARIAT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

BUREAU

Allocation of mandates as follow-up to the twenty-third session of the Assembly of States Parties

- a) *Ad country mandates*
- Complementarity⁵
 - Plan of action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute⁶
 - Non-cooperation⁷
- b) *New York Working Group*⁸
- Arrears⁹
 - Composition of the Bureau
 - Geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff of the Court
 - Review of the procedure for the nomination and election of judges
 - Omnibus resolution
- c) *The Hague Working Group*¹⁰
- Budget¹¹
 - Sub-topic: Budget Management Oversight
 - Cooperation
 - Legal aid
 - Review of the work and operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism
 - Trust Fund for Victims¹²
- d) *Subsidiary body of The Hague Working Group*
- Study Group on Governance¹³

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⁵ Based in The Hague.

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⁷ Based in New York.

⁸ Including the Guidelines for enhancing the security of participants in the work of the Assembly (see ICC-ASP/23/Res.1, para. 175).

⁹ Including the development of criteria for assessing requests for waivers from the loss of voting rights, provided a facilitator can be identified.

¹⁰ Including the desirability and feasibility of establishing regional representations (see ICC-ASP/23/Res.1, annex I, para. 5(b)).

¹¹ Including issues relating to the premises.

¹² Including oversight of the implementation of the Independent Expert Review recommendations on the topic “Trust Fund for Victims” (see resolution ICC-ASP/23/Res.4, para. 9).

¹³ Including oversight of the implementation of the Independent Expert Review recommendations on the topics of “Working culture”, “Relations with civil society and media”, “Implementation of a Tenure policy”, and “Implementation of a moratorium on the recruitment of staff from non-States Parties” (see resolution ICC-ASP/23/Res.4, para. 9).