



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Ninth meeting

28 May 2025

(hybrid)

Agenda and decisions

1. Procedure for Bureau action upon receipt of the OIOS report

The Bureau considered the procedure for Bureau action upon receipt of the OIOS report. The Bureau acknowledged that there is a need to agree on a procedure for legal characterisation of the facts of the OIOS report, since the mandate of the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services did not extend to such legal characterization of the conduct in question as serious misconduct or misconduct of a less serious nature or as neither pursuant to articles 46 and 47 of the Rome Statute and rules 24 and 25 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

Bureau members considered possible options and indicated their preferences.

The President would come back to the Bureau with information on possible external judges who could sit on an external Panel that would be tasked with characterizing the conduct.

2. Other matters

a) Nature of Prosecutor's leave

The President informed the Bureau, in response to queries that she had received, that the Prosecutor's leave had been confirmed as special leave with pay, as per Staff Regulation 5.2 and Staff Rule 105.4. This leave was expected to continue until the end of June 2025, subject to review if the OIOS process was still ongoing.

b) Election to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Budget and Finance- second extension of the nomination period

The Bureau took note that, since no State had presented a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the Committee on Budget and Finance allocated to the Eastern European during the initial nomination period and the extended nomination period, the President would extend the nomination period for a second time, until 11 June 2025.

The President encouraged States Parties of the Eastern European group to consider submitting a candidate for this election. The Bureau will proceed to elect the candidate to fill the vacancy on the Committee, pursuant to ICC-ASP/4/Res.6.

c) Preparations for the special session on the review of the amendments on the crime of aggression

The President recalled that, since the Bureau silence procedure on the location and date of the special session had been broken, the special session of the Assembly on the review of the amendments on the crime of aggression would be held at United Nations Headquarters, New York from 7 to 9 July 2025, as set out in resolution ICC-ASP/23/Res.1.

The Secretariat was continuing the logistical preparations with the United Nations for the special session to be held in New York. She would invite the Secretariat to update the Bureau on the progress of the arrangements at a future meeting.

In addition, it was necessary for a preliminary work programme for the special session to be agreed at a future meeting.

The President noted that the Working Group on Amendments, under the chairmanship of Ambassador Juan José Quintana (Colombia), continued its discussions on the substantive issues which would be on the agenda of the special session. She recalled the mandate of the Review Conference set out in resolution RC/Res.6.¹

The President planned to invite the Chair of the Working Group on Amendments to brief a future meeting of the Bureau on the substantive preparations for the special session.

d) Trust Fund for the participation of Least Developed Countries and other Developing States

The President drew the attention of States to the Trust Fund for the participation of Least Developed Countries and other Developing States in the work of the Assembly. She encouraged States in a position to contribute to the trust fund to do so by the end of May 2025.

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¹ Paragraph 4 states as follows: “*Further decides* to review the amendments on the crime of aggression seven years after the beginning of the Court’s exercise of jurisdiction;”