



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Eighth meeting

1 April 2026

Agenda and decisions

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

1. Consideration of the OIOS and *ad hoc* Panel reports

The Bureau continued its confidential consideration of the report of the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) fact-finding investigation on alleged misconduct by an elected official, as well as the report of the *ad hoc* Panel of judicial experts, pursuant to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Court and the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties.

2. Decision of Pre-Trial Chamber I in the situation in Libya (26 January 2026)

The Bureau had before it the 26 January 2026 decision of Pre-Trial Chamber I in the situation in Libya.¹ The Bureau recalled the Assembly's procedures on non-cooperation,² the toolkit for the implementation of the informal dimension of the Assembly procedures relating to non-cooperation,³ and previous decisions of the Court relating to non-cooperation.⁴ The President noted paragraph 12 of the Assembly's procedures on non-cooperation.⁵

Pursuant to paragraph 14(c) of the Assembly procedures on non-cooperation, a representative of Italy had been invited to attend the meeting in order to discuss the implications of the Court's decision regarding Italy's non-compliance and present its views on how it would cooperate with the Court in the future. Italy was represented by Ambassador Augusto Massari.

Ambassador Massari reaffirmed Italy's strong support for the Court, demonstrated through a range of tangible measures. He noted that Italy had decided not to appeal the decision out of respect for the Court. He also informed the Bureau that Italy intended to propose the establishment of a technical dialogue with the Registry, to conduct a detailed review and identify solutions for the future, including on consultations under article 97 of the Rome Statute.

The Bureau took note of the 26 January 2026 decision of the Court and Italy's intention to engage in a technical dialogue with the Registry. The President noted that the report of the Bureau on non-cooperation would include a reference to the discussion. The President would issue a press release to inform the general public of the Court's decision, pursuant to paragraph 13 of the Assembly procedures on non-cooperation.

¹ ICC-01/11/224, available at: <https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/CourtRecords/0902ebd180d97892.pdf> (Decision to refer Italy's non-compliance with a request for cooperation to the Assembly of States Parties).

² ICC-ASP/10/Res.5, as amended by ICC-ASP/11/Res.8, annex I, and ICC-ASP/17/Res.5, annex II.

³ ICC-ASP/15/31/Add.1, as revised by ICC-ASP/17/31, annex III.

⁴ <https://asp.icc-cpi.int/non-cooperation>

⁵ "All actors involved must ensure that their participation in these procedures does not lead to discussions on the merits of the Court request or otherwise undermine the findings of the Court."

3. Dialogue with non-States Parties

Further to the provisions of the Declaration and the omnibus resolution adopted by the Assembly at its twenty-fourth session,⁶ the Bureau continued its discussion on the topic of dialogue with non-States Parties. Noting that there was no formal mandate in this regard for either the Bureau or for specific facilitations, the Bureau agreed that it may return to the topic at a future date.

4. Election to fill a casual vacancy on the Committee on Budget and Finance

The President recalled the steps taken by the Bureau to fill the casual vacancy on the Committee on Budget and Finance arising from the 29 January 2026 resignation of Ms. Mónica Sánchez Izquierdo (Ecuador), noting that the Bureau had decided that the vacancy would be filled pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/4/Res.6.⁷ At the close of the extended nomination period, on 19 March 2026, one candidate had been nominated: Ms. Alegría Baus Pinto (Ecuador). The Bureau elected Ms. Baus Pinto as a member of the Committee on Budget and Finance for the remainder of the term of her predecessor, i.e. until 31 December 2026.

5. Evaluation Programme Committee: appointment of members

The President recalled that the deadline for expressions of interest for membership of the Evaluation Programme Committee, an advisory body of the Bureau responsible for deliberating on evaluation programme planning and the follow-up of evaluation recommendations, had ended on 27 February 2026, and that no expressions of interest had been received by that date. The Committee was to be composed of five members, including the President of the Assembly or his/her alternate, with consideration given to equitable geographical representation and gender balance.

The President noted that the Secretariat had received an inquiry as to whether two members could be appointed from the same regional group. The Bureau agreed that, in the absence of other expressions of interest, it would be possible for two members to be appointed from the same regional group. The President indicated that the Secretariat would re-circulate the call for expressions of interest with a new deadline, and encouraged Bureau members to engage with their regional groups with a view to identifying the members of the Committee as soon as possible.

6. Appointment of mandate-holders

Further to its 14 January 2026 decision concerning the allocation of mandates arising from the twenty-fourth session of the Assembly, and pursuant to a nomination from the New York Working Group, the Bureau appointed Mr. Marvin Ikondere (Uganda) as the facilitator on equitable geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of the staff of the Court (“Geographical Representation and Gender Balance”).

The Bureau took note that consultations were ongoing to identify nominees for the remaining mandate-holders in The Hague and New York (the facilitator on the budget and the *ad country* focal point on non-cooperation for the Asia-Pacific Group, respectively). In addition, the President welcomed expressions of interest from representatives of Bureau members wishing to serve as the Bureau focal point on the scheduling of Assembly sessions.

7. ASP25 - Election of judges: status of nominations

The Bureau took note of the status of nominations for the election of judges to be held during the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly.⁸ At the end of the nomination period, on 29 March 2026, not

⁶ ICC-ASP/24/Decl.1, para. 4, and ICC-ASP/24/Res.6, para. 177.

⁷ Available at https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/asp/files/asp_docs/Resolutions/ICC-ASP-ASP4-Res-06-ENG.pdf.

⁸ <https://asp.icc-cpi.int/elections/judges/2026>.

all minimum nomination requirements had been met. Specifically, the minimum nomination requirement of two candidates from the Asia-Pacific Group had not been met, since only one candidate had been nominated from that group. The nomination period had therefore been extended for two weeks, until 12 April 2026.

8. Status of contributions

The Bureau took note that, as at 31 March 2026, the Court had received 84 per cent of the assessed contributions to the approved budget for 2026. The total amount of outstanding contributions was €57.2 million, of which €30.9 million related to the 2026 budget, and €26.3 million to prior years. A total of 38 States Parties had outstanding contributions of more than one year, and 14 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.

9. Other matters

a) Decision of Pre-Trial Chamber II in the situation in Ukraine (19 March 2026)

The President noted the decision of Pre-Trial Chamber II in the situation in Ukraine, dated 19 March 2026.⁹ Pursuant to the Assembly procedures on non-cooperation, a representative of Tajikistan would be invited to the 6 May meeting of the Bureau in order to discuss the implications of the Court's decision and to present its views on how it would cooperate with the Court in the future.

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⁹ ICC-01/22-143, available at <https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/CourtRecords/0902ebd180e05738.pdf> (Finding under article 87(7) of the Rome Statute on the non-compliance by Tajikistan with the request by the Court to cooperate in the arrest and surrender of Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and referral to the Assembly of States Parties).