



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Tenth meeting

6 May 2026

Agenda and decisions

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

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

The Bureau had before it the 19 March 2026 decision of Pre-Trial Chamber II in the situation in Ukraine.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 Tajikistan had been invited to attend the meeting in order to discuss the implications of the Court's decision regarding Tajikistan's non-compliance and present its views on how it would cooperate with the Court in the future. Tajikistan was represented by Ambassador Muzaffar Mahmurod Huseinzoda. Ambassador Huseinzoda recalled Tajikistan's longstanding support for the Court, as the only State in Central Asia to have ratified the Rome Statute, and its commitment to international criminal justice, the rule of law and accountability. He outlined the ongoing collaboration and cooperation between Tajikistan and the Court.

The Bureau took note of the 19 March 2026 decision of the Court, and of Tajikistan's statement. 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.

2. Independent Oversight Mechanism: interim report

The Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism (IOM), Mr. Silvain Sana, presented the interim report of the IOM for the period 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026, submitted pursuant to paragraph 41 of the operational mandate of the IOM.⁶ The Bureau took note of the interim report and expressed its appreciation for the important work of the IOM.

¹ 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).

²² 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."

⁶ ICC-ASP/19/Res.6, annex II, available at: https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/asp/files/asp_docs/ASP19/ICC-ASP-19-Res6-ENG.pdf.

3. Appointment of mandate-holders

The Bureau took note that a nomination for the facilitator on the budget was under consideration by the Hague Working Group,⁷ and that consultations were ongoing in the New York Working Group to identify a nominee for the *ad country* focal point on non-cooperation for the Asia-Pacific Group. 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.

4. 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 all minimum nomination requirements had been met. The nomination period had therefore been extended three times, with the third and final extension due to end on 10 May 2026.

5. Status of contributions

The Bureau took note that, as at 30 April 2026, the Court had received 90 per cent of the assessed contributions to the approved budget for 2026. The total amount of outstanding contributions was €45.2 million, of which €18.9 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.

6. Other matters

a) Performance objectives and appraisal of the Director of the Secretariat

Recalling that performance appraisals of the Director of the Secretariat are to be undertaken by the President on behalf of the Bureau, and that clear performance and management objectives are to be set and measured by the President, in consultation with the Bureau,⁹ the President briefed the Bureau on the proposed objectives.

b) Confidential letter

The President briefed the Bureau on a confidential letter, dated 24 April 2026, addressed to the President of the Assembly.

c) Evaluation Programme Committee: update

The President noted that the Secretariat had re-circulated the call 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, with a deadline of 13 May 2026. The Secretariat had received two expressions of interest, both from members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The President recalled the Bureau's decision at its 1 April 2026 meeting 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 stressed that this would not set a precedent for any other appointments by the Bureau, or for the future membership of the Committee. The President encouraged Bureau members to engage with their regional groups with a view to identifying the members of the Committee as soon as possible.

⁷ On 8 May 2026, pursuant to a nomination from the Hague Working Group, the Bureau appointed Ambassador Engelbert Theuermann (Austria) as facilitator for the budget.

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

⁹ ICC-ASP/17/39, annex I, para. 7.

d) BDTFV and CBF elections: opening of nomination period

The Bureau took note that the nomination period for the election of two members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims and seven members of the Committee on Budget and Finance had opened on 27 April 2026. The nomination period for both elections would run until 19 July 2026.

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