



**BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES**

**Eighteenth meeting**

**8 July 2026**

Agenda and decisions

*The meeting was chaired by the President of the Assembly, Ambassador Päivi Kaukoranta (Finland).*

**1. Preparations for the special session of the Assembly on disciplinary proceedings involving an elected official**

The Bureau continued its consideration of the preparations for the special session of the Assembly on disciplinary proceedings involving an elected official, to be held on 24 July 2026 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

*a) Seating arrangements*

The Bureau decided that the seating arrangements for the special session would follow the usual practice for elections, with States Parties seated in English alphabetical order.

*b) Programme of work*

The Bureau adopted a provisional programme of work for the special session, dated 2 July 2026, on the understanding that it may be subject to modification during the session.

*c) Credentials Committee*

The Bureau requested regional groups to consult and to inform the Secretariat, as soon as possible, of the States Parties willing to serve on the Credentials Committee for the special session.<sup>1</sup>

*d) Nomination of national tellers*

The Bureau requested regional groups to consult, with a view to identifying one national teller per regional group for the counting of the secret ballot, and to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible.

*e) Nomination of a Rapporteur*

The Bureau requested the members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Asia-Pacific Group to consult, in order to identify an individual for appointment as Rapporteur, and to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly provides that a Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session. It shall consist of representatives of nine States Parties, which shall be appointed by the Assembly on the proposal of the President.

*f) Trust Fund for the participation of Least Developed States and other Developing States*

The President recalled the Trust Fund for the participation of Least Developed States and other Developing States and noted that, because of the limited time available and the administrative procedures required to receive and allocate funds, it had not been feasible to utilise the Fund for the special session.

**2. Requests for waivers of the loss of voting rights**

The Bureau received an update from the Secretariat on the implementation of resolution ICC-ASP/24/Res.3 on the procedure and criteria for the waiver of the loss of voting rights.<sup>2</sup> The Bureau took note that, as at 30 June 2026, 13 States Parties were subject to the loss of voting rights under article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute. The Bureau had before it requests for waivers of the loss of voting rights submitted by four of those States Parties: Chad, Liberia, Vanuatu, and Venezuela.

In light of the exceptional circumstances surrounding the special session, the Bureau decided to recommend that the Assembly grant any requests for waivers of the loss of voting rights at the special session, while also undertaking to continue its review of waiver requests in respect of the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly.

**3. Withdrawals from the Rome Statute**

The President referred to the depositary notifications issued by the United Nations Secretary-General concerning the withdrawal from the Rome Statute by Burkina Faso,<sup>3</sup> Mali,<sup>4</sup> and Niger.<sup>5</sup> The Assembly Presidency had issued a press release on 1 July 2026 expressing regret at these developments and calling on those States to remain committed States Parties to the Rome Statute.<sup>6</sup>

**4. Evaluation Programme Committee: appointment of members**

The Bureau had before it two expressions of interest in membership of the Evaluation Programme Committee, an advisory body of the Bureau established following the adoption of the Evaluation policy of the International Criminal Court in 2024.<sup>7</sup> As the President of the Assembly (or his/her alternate) is an *ex officio* member according to the Terms of Reference of the Committee, the Bureau decided that three members was sufficient for the Committee to commence its work. The Bureau therefore appointed the following members of the Evaluation Programme Committee:

- Ambassador Ana Cristina Rodriguez Pineda (Guatemala); and
- Ambassador Faiyaz Murshid Kazi (Bangladesh).

The President encouraged candidates from other regional groups to express interest in the Committee, noting that the Bureau would be able to appoint the remaining members at a later stage.

**5. Restructuring of the Secretariat**

The Director of the Secretariat briefed the Bureau on the steps being taken to implement the mandate of the Assembly concerning the restructuring of the Secretariat.<sup>8</sup> The Director outlined the proposed new structure of the Secretariat, which had as its objective a more efficient, coordinated,

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<sup>2</sup> [https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/asp\\_docs/ICC-ASP-24-Res.3-w-annex-ENG.pdf](https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/asp_docs/ICC-ASP-24-Res.3-w-annex-ENG.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> <https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/CN/2026/CN.263.2026-Eng.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> <https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/CN/2026/CN.264.2026-Eng.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> <https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/CN/2026/CN.251.2026-Eng.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> <https://asp.icc-cpi.int/node/14907>.

<sup>7</sup> The Bureau established the Evaluation Programme Committee and adopted its Terms of Reference on 7 May 2025 (see [https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/asp\\_docs/2025-Bureau8-Agenda-Decisions.pdf](https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/asp_docs/2025-Bureau8-Agenda-Decisions.pdf)). The Terms of Reference were amended on 5 November 2025 (see [https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/asp\\_docs/Bureau15-agenda%20and%20decisions.20Nov25.2000b.pdf](https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/asp_docs/Bureau15-agenda%20and%20decisions.20Nov25.2000b.pdf)).

<sup>8</sup> See resolution ICC-ASP/23/Res.1, para. 88.

proactive, and results-oriented Secretariat, capable of providing more effective support to the Assembly's critical governance mandate. The President noted that States Parties would have a full opportunity to consider the restructuring proposal in the context of the facilitation on the proposed programme budget for 2027.

## **6. Preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly**

### *a) Venue*

The President noted that the Secretariat continued to make the necessary preparations and arrangements for the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly to be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 7 to 17 December 2026, pursuant to the decision of the Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.<sup>9</sup> The Bureau took note of concerns raised by some States Parties and others regarding the venue of the twenty-fifth session and the challenges it posed to participation by some stakeholders. The Bureau decided to keep the matter under review.

### *b) Elections*

As regards the preparations for the election of six judges to be held during the twenty-fifth session, the Bureau took note that, as at the close of the extended nomination period, on 10 May 2026, a total of 14 candidates had been nominated.<sup>10</sup> As the minimum nomination requirement from the Asia-Pacific group had not been met, there would be no minimum voting requirement for that group in accordance with paragraph 20(b) of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6.

The President noted that the permanent due diligence procedure for elected officials, which was adopted by the Assembly at its twenty-second session, was being applied to the election process. The confidential channel established by the Independent Oversight Mechanism under that procedure, which had initially been scheduled to close on 31 May, had been extended until 30 June, in light of the extended nomination period, in order to ensure fair treatment amongst candidates. The Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges would meet from 13 to 24 July 2026 and would issue its report as soon as possible. The modalities for the public roundtables with judicial candidates were under consideration in the New York Working Group and would be submitted to the Bureau for approval once agreed.

The Bureau took note of the status of nominations for the election of two members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims<sup>11</sup> and seven members of the Committee on Budget and Finance.<sup>12</sup> The nomination period for both elections would close on 19 July 2026.

## **7. Appointment of mandate-holders**

The Bureau took note 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.

## **8. Status of contributions**

The Bureau took note that, as at 30 June 2026, the Court had received 94 per cent of the assessed contributions to the approved budget for 2026. The total amount of outstanding contributions was €37.6 million, of which €11.8 million related to the 2026 budget, and €25.8 million to prior years. A total of 33 States Parties had outstanding contributions of more than one year, and 13 of those were ineligible

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<sup>9</sup> Resolution ICC-ASP/24/Res.6, annex I, para. 18(b).

<sup>10</sup> See <https://asp.icc-cpi.int/elections/judges/2026>.

<sup>11</sup> See <https://asp.icc-cpi.int/elections/trust-fund-for-victims/2026>.

<sup>12</sup> See <https://asp.icc-cpi.int/elections/committee-on-budget-and-finance/2026>.

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.

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