



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Twentieth meeting

18 August 2026

Agenda and decisions

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

1. Election of the Prosecutor

The Bureau began its consideration of the process for the election of the fourth Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, following the 24 July 2026 decision of the Assembly of States Parties to remove the third Prosecutor from office.¹

The Bureau considered the applicable legal framework for the nomination and election of the Prosecutor, as contained in the Rome Statute and in the procedure adopted by the Assembly for the nomination and election of judges, the Prosecutor and Deputy Prosecutors.² Bureau members noted the need to ensure a robust process for the election of the fourth Prosecutor, taking into account the lessons learnt from the election of the third Prosecutor.³ The President indicated that an options paper would be prepared, with the assistance of the Secretariat, for consideration by the Bureau at its next meeting.

2. Other matters

a) Preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties: venue

The Bureau returned to its consideration of the 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 agreed that the matter should be discussed in the Hague Working Group and in the New York Working Group, in order to gather views outside the Bureau.

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¹ ICC-ASP/S-2/Dec.1.

² The procedure was originally adopted in resolutions ICC-ASP/1/Res.2 and ICC-ASP/1/Res.3 and subsequently amended by ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, ICC-ASP/5/Res.5, ICC-ASP/12/Res.8, annex II, ICC-ASP/13/Res.5, annex II, ICC-ASP/14/Res.4, annex II, ICC-ASP/18/Res.4, annex I, and ICC-ASP/21/Res.2, annex II. [A compiled version is available on the website of the Assembly.](#)

³ Report by the facilitators on the third election of the Prosecutor of the ICC – Lessons learnt ([ICC-ASP/21/16](#)).