



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Twenty-second meeting

10 September 2026

Agenda and decisions

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

1. Preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly

a) Venue

The Bureau continued its consideration of the venue of the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly, scheduled to take place from 7 to 17 December 2026 at United Nations Headquarters, New York. In light of the concerns raised, including the limitations on participation in an Assembly session in New York, the Bureau carefully considered all circumstances and agreed that the best option would be to relocate the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly to The Hague, to be held from 30 November to 7 December 2026.

Before finalizing the proposal, the Bureau considered it appropriate that consultations be held within the respective regional groups. Following these consultations, the Bureau would submit a proposal to States Parties for consideration, taking into account the views expressed by the regional groups.

2. Other matters

a) Update on the roundtables for judicial candidates

The Bureau considered the possibility of remote participation in the judicial roundtables by a candidate subject to sanctions imposed by the United States Administration. Some Bureau members underscored the importance of ensuring equity in the participation of all candidates and, where that was not possible, of ensuring that the circumstances were equitable for all candidates. In that connection, the Bureau agreed that the roundtables should be conducted virtually. The President requested the Secretariat to examine the arrangements for the conduct of virtual roundtables.

b) Appointment of a member of the Evaluation Programme Committee

The Bureau decided to appoint Ms. Sarah Honeywell (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as a member of the Evaluation Programme Committee for a three-year term, in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference.¹

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¹ See: Agenda and decisions of the 5 November 2025 meeting of the Bureau, annex:
https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/asp_docs/Bureau15-agenda%20and%20decisions.20Nov25.2000b.pdf