



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Twenty-fourth meeting

7 October 2026

Agenda and decisions

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

1. Threats against the Court

a) Briefings by the President, Acting Prosecutor and Registrar

The Bureau received briefings on the impact of recent threats against the Court, and the measures taken in response, from the President of the Court, Judge Tomoko Akane, the Acting Prosecutor, Deputy Prosecutor Niang, and the Registrar, Mr. Osvaldo Zavala Giler.

b) Strategy to respond to threats against the Court

The Bureau returned to the strategy for responding to threats or attacks against the Court, its officials and those cooperating with it, which had been adopted by the Bureau on 29 July 2022,¹ and considered possible amendments or additions to strengthen that strategy. The Bureau decided to refer the matter for discussion in The Hague and New York Working Groups, in order to gather views from all States Parties.

2. Election of the Prosecutor

The Bureau continued its consideration of the procedure for the election of the fourth Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, with the benefit of comments from the Hague and New York Working Groups on the various options. The Bureau had before it a proposed procedure submitted by the President, and Bureau members exchanged views on various aspects of the proposal. The President indicated that an updated proposal would be prepared, taking into account the views expressed, and would be submitted to the Bureau for its consideration as soon as possible.

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

The Bureau received an update on the preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly, further to the Bureau's decision to relocate the session to The Hague. The President indicated that, with the

¹ The strategy adopted by the Bureau on 29 July 2022 is available at the following link: <https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/asp/files/2022-08/Bureau-Proposal-Rec-169-ENG.pdf>. An annex approved by the Bureau on 2 December 2022 is available at the following link: <https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/asp/files/2022-12/PASP-Request-R169-Good-Practices.pdf>.

assistance of the Secretariat, she had issued invitations to the relevant Ministers of all States Parties, and she encouraged high-level representation at the Assembly session where possible.

Since the Assembly session would begin one week earlier than originally planned, on 30 November 2026, the President renewed her request to Bureau members to conduct consultations within their respective regional groups regarding the nomination of nine members of the Credentials Committee, five national tellers, one from each regional group, and a Rapporteur. The President requested Bureau members to inform the Secretariat of the outcome of those consultations as soon as possible and no later than the end of October 2026.

4. Elections to be held at the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly

a) Election of judges

(i) Modalities for public roundtables with judicial candidates

The Bureau approved the revised modalities for the public roundtables with judicial candidates, as agreed by the New York Working Group on 2 October 2026. The roundtables would take place virtually, on 4, 5 and 6 November 2026, from 9.00 to 12.00 hours (New York) / 15.00 to 18.00 hours (The Hague).

(ii) Due diligence procedure

As regards the due diligence procedure conducted by the Independent Oversight Mechanism (IOM) pursuant to Assembly resolution ICC-ASP/22/Res.3, annex II,² the Bureau had before it the confidential report of the IOM, as well as written observations from the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges which had been requested by the Presidency of the Assembly pursuant to paragraph 29 of the due diligence procedure. The Bureau agreed that candidates subject to the provisions of paragraph 29 would be given an opportunity to respond in writing to any matters raised in the IOM report, and the Bureau would then consider the way forward.

b) Election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims

The Bureau recalled that, at the close of the nomination period for the election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims on 19 July 2026, four candidates had been nominated for the seat allocated to the African Group.³ The Bureau requested the nominating States to continue consultations in order to identify one candidate for election.

5. Status of contributions

The Bureau took note that, as at 30 September 2026, the Court had received 95 per cent of the assessed contributions to the approved budget for 2026. The total amount of outstanding contributions was €33.4 million, of which €10.3 million related to the 2026 budget, and €23.1 million to prior years. A total of 24 States Parties had outstanding contributions of more than one year, and 8 of those were ineligible to vote under article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute. The President encouraged all States Parties to make their contributions to the budget of the Court as soon as possible.

6. Other matters

² https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/asp_docs/ICC-ASP-22-Res3-ENG.pdf.

³ <https://asp.icc-cpi.int/elections/trust-fund-for-victims/2026>.

a) Restructuring of the Secretariat: update

The Bureau received an update on the restructuring of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties, pursuant to the Assembly mandate to restructure the Secretariat along functional lines.⁴ The President noted that the new structure had been included in the proposed programme budget for 2027, for review by the Committee on Budget and Finance, and would be considered by States Parties in the context of the budget facilitation. The President indicated that she would prepare proposed updates to the omnibus resolution language on this topic, for consideration at the next meeting of the Bureau.

b) Report of the Court to the United Nations General Assembly

The Bureau took note that the imposition of sanctions on the President of the Court posed challenges in relation to the oral presentation of the annual report of the Court to the United Nations General Assembly. The President urged Bureau members to support the measures being considered in order to ensure that the President of the Court could be heard before the General Assembly.

c) Potential amendments to the disciplinary framework for elected officials

The Bureau agreed to request the Study Group on Governance and the facilitation on the review of the work and the operational mandate of the IOM to discuss a possible mandate for the consideration of potential amendments to the disciplinary framework for elected officials, in light of evolving practice. Appropriate language on such a mandate could be included in the omnibus resolution for adoption at the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly.

d) Performance appraisal of the Director

Regarding the performance appraisal of the Director of the Secretariat, which would be undertaken by the President on behalf of the Bureau, the President indicated that a survey would shortly be distributed to seek views from States Parties on the performance of the Secretariat. In addition, the President welcomed any inputs directly from Bureau members.

e) Relationship between the Secretariat and NYLO

The President noted that it was timely and appropriate to review the relationship between the New York Liaison Office (NYLO) of the Court and the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties. When the NYLO was established in 2005,⁵ it had been intended to service and represent the Court while also providing support to the President of the Assembly, the Bureau and subsidiary bodies. In practice, this arrangement had proved incompatible with the importance of maintaining a functional separation between the Court and the Assembly, as its governing body. The President indicated that she would prepare a proposal for the omnibus resolution, for a review of the mandate of the NYLO, for consideration at the next meeting of the Bureau.

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⁴ ICC-ASP/23/Res.1, para. 88.

⁵ ICC-ASP/4/Res.4.