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BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Twenty-sixth meeting

19 October 2026

Agenda and decisions

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

1. Strategy to respond to threats against the Court

The Bureau continued its consideration of 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] The Bureau took note of the discussions held in The Hague and New York Working Groups to gather views from all States Parties. The Bureau also discussed an initiative to organize an ambassadorial retreat, to be held ahead of the Assembly, and considered possible agenda items.

2. Election of the Prosecutor

The Bureau continued its deliberations on the procedure for the election of the fourth Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. It considered a revised proposal which had been prepared by the President, taking into account the views that had been expressed by Bureau members and States Parties. Bureau members exchanged views on the revised proposal. The President indicated that a revised proposal would be prepared, taking into account the views expressed, and would be presented to the Bureau for consideration as soon as possible.[2]

3. Other matters

a) Election of judges: update on due diligence procedure

With regard to the current status of the due diligence procedure conducted by the Independent Oversight Mechanism (IOM), the Bureau took note of the written responses received from the candidates concerned, as well as the steps taken by the Presidency in accordance with the procedure. The Bureau agreed to consider the way forward on the basis of a recommendation from the Presidency, taking into account the information available. The President would update all States Parties on the status of the due diligence procedure.

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[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.

[2] The Bureau subsequently adopted the "Procedure for the election of the fourth Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court" on 26 October 2026. See: https://asp.icc-cpi.int/elections/prosecutor/Prosecutor2027.

b) Staff Union request

The President informed the Bureau of a request from the Staff Union to address the General debate at the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly, and recalled that, in 2025, it had been granted a speaking slot on an exceptional basis and on the condition that it would not create a precedent.

The Bureau took note that the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly did not provide for the inclusion of the Staff Union in the General debate. The Bureau agreed to revert to the matter at its next meeting.

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