



Twenty-Second session

New York, 4 – 14 December 2023

**Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance
on the work of its fortieth session**

I. Organizational matters

A. Opening of the session

1. The fortieth session of the Committee on Budget and Finance (“the Committee”), comprising one meeting, was held on 23 January 2023 via remote-link in accordance with the decision of the Assembly of States Parties (“the Assembly”) taken at its twenty-first session.¹

2. The following members attended the fortieth session of the Committee:

1. Ms. Sanyu Awori (Kenya);
2. Ms. Jasleen Chaona Chirembo (Malawi);
3. Mr. Werner Druml (Austria);
4. Mr. Fawzi A. Gharaibeh (Jordan);
5. Ms. Yukiko Harimoto (Japan);
6. Mr. Urmet Lee (Estonia);
7. Ms. Mónica Sánchez Izquierdo (Ecuador);
8. Ms. Elena Sopková (Slovakia);
9. Mr. Klaus Stein (Germany);
10. Mr. Pascual Tomás Hernández (Spain); and
11. Ms. Ana Patricia Villalobos Arrieta (Costa Rica).

3. The Executive Secretary to the Committee on Budget and Finance, Mr. Fakhri Dajani, acted as the Secretary of the Committee, and his team assisted him in providing the necessary substantive and logistical support to the Committee.

B. Election of officers

4. In accordance with Rule 10 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee re-elected Mr. Werner Druml (Austria) as Chairperson of the Committee and elected Mr. Klaus Stein (Germany) as Vice-Chairperson. The Committee re-appointed Mr. Urmet Lee (Estonia) as Rapporteur in accordance with Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure.

C. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

5. At the beginning of the session, the Committee adopted its agenda for the fortieth session, on the basis of the provisional agenda in accordance with Rule 7 of its Rules of Procedure.

D. Internal discussion

6. The Chairperson welcomed the new members of the Committee (Ms. Sanyu Awori (Kenya); Ms. Jasleen Chaona Chirembo (Malawi); Mr. Pascual Tomás Hernández (Spain); and Ms. Ana Patricia Villalobos Arrieta (Costa Rica)), and briefed the Committee on the budgetary discussions held during the meetings of the Hague Working Group, as well as the related decisions of the Assembly’s twenty-first session that took place from 5 to 10 December 2022.

7. The Committee discussed the developments of the reform processes of the Court, i.e., assessment and implementation of the recommendations of the Independent Expert Review that will continue in 2023.

II. Other matters

A. Future sessions of the Committee in 2023

8. The forty-first session of the Committee is scheduled to take place from 8 to 12 May 2023 and its forty-second session from 4 to 15 September 2023, in The Hague.

¹ *Official Records of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Twenty-first session, The Hague, 5-10 December 2022* (ICC-ASP/21/20), vol. I, part I, section B, para. 49.