

18th ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
September 25, 2006
Agenda and Decisions

1. Reports of the Coordinator/Facilitators of the New York Working Group

The Bureau was informed that additional consultations were still required before being able to consider the reports of the Facilitator on the issue of ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute and on participation in the Assembly of States Parties, as well as the report on the issue of the arrears of States Parties.

2. Committee on Budget and Finance: Vacancy

As regards the vacancy resulting from the resignation of M. John F.S. Muwanga (Uganda), the Bureau decided that if the consultations within the Group of African States resulted in the endorsement of a single candidature, the person so nominated would accordingly be considered as elected by the Bureau, so as to allow that person to attend the seventh session of the Committee on Budget and Finance, scheduled for 9 to 13 October. Pursuant to the relevant resolutions, the newly elected member shall serve for the remainder of the predecessor's term, namely until 20 April 2008.

3. Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims

The Bureau was informed that consultations were ongoing within the Group of Asian States regarding a possible endorsement of a single candidature for the second election of the members of the Board.

4. Seating arrangements for the fifth session of the Assembly

In accordance with established practice, the President of the Assembly drew lots for the purpose of determining which State Party would occupy the first desk on the Assembly floor. The name drawn was Serbia. Consequently, the delegation of Serbia will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other States Parties will follow in the English alphabetical order.

5. Other matters

a) Coordinator of The Hague Working Group

The Bureau welcomed the designation of Ambassador Sandra Fuentes-Berain (Mexico) as Coordinator of The Hague Working Group. The newly designated Coordinator had indicated that she would be available to carry out her role until 1 December 2006.

b) Interim interim premises

The representative of the Netherlands informed the Bureau of certain difficulties which had arisen with regard to the option of resorting to prefabricated office space to accommodate the growing needs of the Court. The host State would continue its efforts to address the problem of additional office space in coordination with the Court

c) Permanent premises

The Bureau was informed that a meeting of experts on the permanent premises took place in The Hague, on 21 and 22 September.

d) Preparations for the sixth session of the Assembly at United Nations Headquarters

The Bureau was provided an update, as of 23 September, on the status of preparations regarding the availability of conference rooms and facilities at United Nations Headquarters for the sixth session of the Assembly, scheduled to be held in 2007. The Bureau noted with concern that not all the conference rooms and facilities previously foreseen seemed to be available. The President indicated that he would pursue the matter further with senior officials of the United Nations Secretariat.

e) New York Liaison Office

The Bureau welcomed the appointment of the ICC Liaison officer, Mrs. Socorro Flores Liera, who informed the Bureau of her activities since assuming the post earlier in the month.

f) Review Conference

It was suggested that the issue be included in future meetings of the Bureau so as to discuss its role in the process leading to the Review Conference.

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