



**Seventh ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting  
7 April 2009  
Agenda and Decisions**

**1. Letter from Mr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen**

The Bureau took note of the letter, dated 23 March 2009, from the President of the Court, in which he informed the President of the Assembly that the Court wished for the vacancy left by judge Shahabuddeen to be filled as soon as possible.

The Bureau decided that the election to fill that vacancy would be held at the eighth session of the Assembly, scheduled to take place in The Hague from 18-26 November 2009.

The decision of the Bureau was motivated by a number of elements, including the additional cost of convening a special session of the Assembly prior to the eighth session in November 2009 and to provide States Parties with sufficient time to identify and nominate highly qualified candidates.

The Bureau also requested the President of the Assembly to convey to the Presidency of the Court its concern at the manner in which the Appeals Division had been composed by the plenary of the judges, since a reconsideration thereof would enhance the Court's ability to exercise its functions as expeditiously and efficiently as possible.

**2. Continuation in office of a judge of the Court**

The Bureau took note of a letter, dated 6 March 2009, from the President of the Court, informing the President of the Assembly that Judge René Blattmann (Bolivia) would, in accordance with the Rome Statute, continue in office to complete the trial of Mr. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo.

**3. Review Conference**

*a) Report of the joint facilitators*

The joint facilitators for the Review Conference, Mr. Marcelo Böhlke (Brazil) and Ms. Angela Nworgu (Nigeria), briefed the Bureau on the informal consultations held by the New York Working Group on 11 March 2009 and indicated that a report of that meeting had been faxed to Missions in New York. The President requested that the reports of facilitators be circulated through the Bureau and Secretariat to ensure wider dissemination.

The facilitators indicated that the next informal meeting scheduled for at United Nations Headquarters would focus on the Belgian proposal with regard to the list of weapons contained in article 8, paragraph 2 (b) (xx), of the Rome Statute.

b) *Dates of the Review Conference*

The President indicated that, after consultations with the Government of Uganda and taking into account the need to avoid overlap between the Review Conference and other major meetings taking place in the context of the United Nations, tentative dates of 31 May to 11 June 2010 have been proposed for the Review Conference. He explained that, in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution ICC-ASP/7/Res.2 on the venue of the Review Conference, the Bureau would decide at a later stage on the exact duration of the Conference, when there is an indication of the time required for the completion of the issues on the agenda of the Conference.

The Bureau agreed that members should consult with their capitals on the proposed dates and that, unless an indication to the contrary was received by 16 April 2009, the Review Conference would be scheduled for these dates. In the absence of any such comments, the Review Conference is thus scheduled for 31 May to 11 June 2010.

**4. Other matters**

a) *Staff Pension Committee*

The Bureau appointed Mr. Julián Guerrero (Colombia) and Mr. Ivan Salopek (Croatia) as alternate members of the Staff Pension Committee.

b) *Inter-sessional meeting on the Crime of Aggression*

The President indicated that the Secretariat had conveyed a letter, dated 27 March 2009, inviting all States and some representatives of the non-governmental organization Coalition for the International Criminal Court to participate in the inter-sessional meeting on the Crime of Aggression, to be held in New York from 8 to 10 June 2009.

c) *Independent oversight mechanism*

The Bureau decided, taking into account the views expressed by The Hague Working Group, that the facilitator's revised report containing a proposal for the establishment of an independent oversight mechanism would be considered via a silence procedure. In the absence of any comments on the revised version, the report was adopted and issued as document ICC-ASP/8/2 in order to be conveyed to the Committee on Budget and Finance, for consideration at its twelfth session, which begins on 20 April.

d) *Recommendation to the Bureau concerning the nomination and election of the members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims*

As regards the nomination and election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, the Bureau recommended, as proposed by The Hague Working Group, that, in addition to the criteria contained in resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7, consideration should also be given to the availability of candidates to carry out their functions on a regular basis, their experience in assisting victims of serious crimes and their experience in fundraising. The Bureau further recommended that the proposed draft text be included in the note verbale to be sent by the Secretariat to all States Parties, inviting the nomination of candidates for election to the Board.

e) *Consultations on a possible liaison office in Addis Ababa*

The President indicated that he was working with the Vice-President of the Assembly, Ambassador Zachary Muburi-Muita (Kenya), and in close cooperation with the Court, on the issue of the proposed liaison office in Addis Ababa and possible consultations thereon in the framework of the New York Working Group.

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