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17th ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting December 14, 2007 Agenda and Decisions

1. Reports by the Coordinators of the Working Groups of the Assembly

The Bureau heard interim reports of the Coordinators of the Working Groups and the focal points.

2. Coordination of The Hague Working Group of the Bureau

The Coordinator of The Hague Working Group, Ambassador Sandra Fuentes (Mexico), presented her final report on the activities of the Working Group in 2007.

The Bureau then designated Ambassador Kirsten Biering (Denmark) as Coordinator of The Hague Working Group for 2008.

3. Other matters

a) Chairing of Bureau meetings

The Bureau agreed with the proposal by President Bruno Stagno Ugarte that, in his absence, the newly elected President of the Assembly for the seventh to ninth sessions, Ambassador Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein), chair meetings of the Bureau.

b) Recommendations concerning the election of the Registrar

The view was expressed that the Assembly's recommendations concerning the election of the Registrar should also be taken into account by the judges when electing the Deputy Registrar.

In terms of the sequencing of the two elections, it was deemed necessary that the Registrar be elected first, since proceeding in the reverse order could result, given the recommendations to be made by the Assembly, in the exclusion of the best qualified candidate from being considered for the post of Registrar.

Furthermore, it was also considered important that the newly elected Registrar play an active role in the process of selecting the Deputy Registrar.