

18th ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
December 14, 2007
Agenda and Decisions

1) Issues to be considered by the Bureau after the sixth session of the Assembly

The Bureau agreed to extend the mandate of its Working Groups in The Hague and New York. In accordance with the mandates entrusted to the Bureau in resolution ICC-ASP/6/Res.2, its Working Groups will consider the issues indicated below.

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- Engage with the Court on the strategic planning process and its concrete implementation, including on the priority issues identified in resolution ICC-ASP/5/Res.2, and continue the dialogue with the Court on Outreach; and
- Consider the issue of the budget of the Court, while respecting the special role of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

THE NEW YORK WORKING GROUP

- Continue to monitor the implementation of the plan of action of the Assembly of States Parties for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
- Review on a regular basis the status of payments received throughout the financial year and consider additional measures to promote payments by States Parties;
- Engage with the Court on concrete proposals for an independent oversight mechanism; and
- Carry out consultations with a view to submitting proposals as regards the venue of the Review Conference to the resumed sixth session of the Assembly and continue the preparations of the Review Conference, including financial and legal implications, as well as practical and organizational issues.

GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION AND GENDER BALANCE IN THE RECRUITMENT OF STAFF

As regards the issue of geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff, the Bureau noted that in paragraph 23 of resolution ICC-ASP/6/Res.2 the Assembly had recommended that the Bureau “continue to engage with the Court to identify ways to improve equitable geographical representation and gender balance within the existing model, without prejudice to any future discussion on the suitability, or

otherwise, of the current model, as well as to remain seized of the issue of geographical representation and gender balance”.

While noting that the facilitator, Ambassador Mirjam Blaak (Uganda), had recommended that the issue be dealt with in the context of the New York Working Group, the Bureau agreed to defer a decision on this matter to its next meeting.

2) Facilitators of the Working Groups

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Arrears

The Bureau designated Ms. Polly Ioannu (Cyprus) as facilitator for the issue of arrears.

Review Conference

The Bureau re-appointed Mr. Sabelo Sivuyile Maqungo (South Africa) as facilitator for the issue of the Review Conference.

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Cooperation

As regards the issue of cooperation, the Bureau designated H.E. Mr. Yves Haesendonck, Ambassador of Belgium to the International Organizations in the Netherlands, as focal point.

Permanent premises

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with paragraph 12 of resolution ICC-ASP/6/Res.1, the Bureau was to remain seized of the issue of the permanent premises of the Court, the Bureau was of the view that there was no need to designate a facilitator since the Oversight Committee established by the Assembly would elect its own chair and provide the Bureau with regular status reports.

POSSIBLE FACILITATORS

The Bureau requested States Parties to suggest names of facilitators for:

- The Plan of Action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute;
- The independent oversight mechanism;
- The Strategic Plan of the Court;
- Geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff; and
- The proposed programme budget for 2009.
