



## **Eighth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting**

**12 April 2010**

### **Agenda and Decisions**

*The President of the Assembly, H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein), chaired the meeting.*

#### **1. Independent Oversight Mechanism**

The Bureau appointed Ms. Beverly Ida Mulley as the Temporary Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism for a period of one year, effective on the date to be agreed upon by the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Registrar and Ms. Mulley. The Bureau requested the Registrar, pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/8/Res.1,<sup>1</sup> to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services to provide support on a cost recovery basis for the secondment of Ms. Mulley.

#### **2. Review Conference**

a) Update by the facilitators

The Bureau took note of the briefing by the co-facilitators for the Review Conference, Mr. Marcelo Böhlke (Brazil) and Ms. Stella Orina (Kenya), on the 7 April 2010 consultations of the New York Working Group, which had focused on the draft Ministerial Declaration to be adopted at the Review Conference and noted that the next round of informal consultations of the Working Group was scheduled for 21 April.

The co-facilitators indicated that the outcomes/reports of discussions on the topics under consideration by The Hague Working Group would be transmitted to the New York Working Group by the end of April.

On organizational matters, they indicated that the delegation of Uganda had informed them that all remaining obstacles to signature of the memorandum of understanding had been cleared.

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Eighth session, The Hague, 18-26 November 2009* (International Criminal Court publication, ICC-ASP/8/20), vol. I, part II, resolution ICC-ASP/8/Res.1, annex, para. 17.

b) Stocktaking

i) *Update by the focal points*

*Peace and Justice*

The focal points on the issue of peace and justice, (Argentina, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Switzerland) indicated that, since Mr. David Tolbert, President of the International Centre for Transitional Justice, would participate in the panel discussion on “The impact of the Rome Statute system on victims and affected communities”, they were considering alternatives as regards the panelists.

Regarding the four background papers, the focal points indicated that they were still looking for an expert to prepare a paper on “Managing the challenges of integrating justice efforts and peace processes”.

*Complementarity*

The focal points for complementarity, Denmark and South Africa, informed the meeting that deliberations on this topic would continue within the framework of The Hague Working Group and that the background papers would be prepared.

ii) *Invitations to panelists*

The President indicated that, based on the information provided, he would convey invitations to the panelists who had confirmed their availability to the respective focal points. Two categories of invitation would be issued, one for the panelists who would finance their own participation and another for those requiring financial assistance. The focal points were requested to confirm the participation of the panelists and to indicate which category of invitation should be conveyed to the respective participants.

c) High-level participation

Consideration of this matter was deferred to the next meeting as some focal points were not present.

d) High-level declaration

The Bureau took note of the update provided by the focal point for the High-level Declaration (Mexico) on the discussions that had taken place in the informal consultations held on 7 April. The focal point indicated that comments/views received from delegations would be incorporated into a revised draft declaration to be circulated before the next meeting.

e) Pledges

The focal points on this issue (Netherlands and Peru) informed the meeting that they were consulting on the process of pledges, and that they were assisted in this regard by the International Committee of the Red Cross (“ICRC”), the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (“CICC”) and Human Rights Watch.

f) Accommodation and logistics

The President informed the meeting that a joint team from the Secretariat, the Security and Safety Section of the Court and the United Nations Office at Nairobi was planning a site-visit to Kampala in the first week of May to ensure that the services and facilities referred to in the Memorandum of Understanding had been made available. A summary of the relevant report would be disseminated to the Bureau.

**3. Memorandum of Understanding**

Consideration of this matter was deferred as the representative of Uganda was not present.

**4. Addis Ababa Liaison Office**

The Bureau was informed that the focal point, Ambassador Zachary Muburi-Muita (Kenya), Vice-President of the Assembly, would convene a meeting of African States Parties in the coming days to address the matter.

**5. Other matters**

*i) Committee on Budget and Finance*

The Bureau noted that the fourteenth session of the Committee on Budget and Finance, which would open on 19 April, had been extended by one day, until 24 April, as the Committee had deemed it necessary to meet for the additional time.

*ii) Visit of the President to El Salvador*

The President informed the Bureau that, at the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, he would be pay a two-day visit to El Salvador, on 13 to 14 April, to attend a seminar on the International Criminal Court and to meet with Government officials.

*iii) Resumed eighth session of the Assembly*

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela informed the meeting that her Government had withdrawn all reservations which it had made to the decisions adopted at the resumed eighth session of the Assembly.

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