

**First ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
11 February 2008
Agenda and Decisions**

The President-elect, Ambassador Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein), chaired the meeting

1) Facilitators of the Working Groups

Geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff

The Bureau agreed that further consultations were required to determine which Working Group would be mandated to consider the issue of geographical representation and gender balance and therefore decided to defer a decision on this matter to its next meeting.

The Strategic Plan of the Court and the proposed programme budget for 2009

The Bureau was informed that the Working Group in The Hague is in the process of identifying facilitators for the issues of the strategic plan and the proposed programme budget for 2009 and that the respective names would be submitted for consideration by the Bureau at its next meeting.

The Plan of Action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute

Ambassador Wenaweser requested Bureau members to liaise within their respective regional groups towards identifying a facilitator for the Plan of Action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute.

The independent oversight mechanism

The Bureau appointed H.E. Mr. Andreas Mavroyiannis, the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations as facilitator for this issue, until July 2008 when he is expected to leave New York. The Bureau deemed that it may be necessary to consult further with the Court on how to proceed on this matter without having to await the conclusion of a similar process within the United Nations and to consider the question as to where to continue the work after Ambassador Mavroyiannis had concluded his work.

Seventh session of the Assembly

The Bureau noted that at its seventh session, the Assembly is scheduled to elect six judges of the International Criminal Court, as well as six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

The Bureau discussed three possible dates for holding the first resumed seventh session of the Assembly, but decided to defer a decision on this matter to its next meeting in order to allow members to consult. The possible dates are:

- a) 19 - 23 January 2009
- b) 26 - 30 January 2009
- c) 2 - 6 February 2009

Once the dates of the first resumption of the seventh session are decided on, the Bureau will fix the respective nomination periods for the elections.

A second resumption of the seventh session, devoted to the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression, is foreseen to take place towards mid 2009.

2) Staff Pension Committee

The Bureau was informed that Mr. Julian Guerrero (Colombia), an alternate member of the Staff Pension Committee, is not in a position to continue in this capacity as his posting in The Hague has ended. In accordance with paragraph 29 of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.3, the Bureau requested The Hague Working Group to identify a successor. The Bureau would then proceed with the respective designation.

3) Other matters

Composition of new Bureau

Bearing in mind that at the beginning of the seventh session, in November 2008, the Assembly would have to elect a new Bureau for the seventh to ninth sessions, the Bureau appointed the following focal points to liaise with their respective regional groups and to hold informal consultations in advance of the session:

- i) Mr. Sivu Maqungo (South Africa) – Africa
- ii) Ms. Polly Ioannou (Cyprus) - Asia
- iii) Ms. Janine Coye-Felson (Belize) - GRULAC
- iv) Ms. Minna-Liina Lind (Estonia) – Eastern Europe

Mr. Konrad Bühler (Austria) announced that he would hold consultations within WEOG in order to identify a possible focal point.

10th anniversary of the Rome Statute

Ambassador Wenaweser informed the Bureau that 17 July 2008 marked the 10th anniversary of the Rome Statute and that he was consulting with interested parties on possible activities in New York on that occasion. He invited members to consult and suggest activities to this end.

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