



**BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES**

**Second meeting**

**9 March 2015**

**Agenda and Decisions**

*The meeting took place in The Hague and was chaired by the President of the Assembly of States Parties, H.E. Minister Sidiki Kaba.*

**1. Resumption of the thirteenth session of the Assembly**

*a) MOU with the host State*

The Secretariat informed the Bureau that among the preparations undertaken for the organization of the resumed thirteenth session of the Assembly, conversations had begun with the host State on a Memorandum of Understanding.

*b) Trust Fund for the least developed countries and other developing States*

The Secretariat informed the Bureau that the trust fund for the participation of the least developed countries and other developing States in the Assembly sessions had been depleted by the use of the fund for the December 2014 session.

The Bureau invited States to make contributions to the Trust Fund. The Secretariat would send the annual note verbale requesting contributions to the fund (ICC-ASP/R13-14/LDC/10); once received contributions could be used for the resumed thirteenth session or for the fourteenth session of the Assembly.

For its part, the host State indicated that the Government of the Netherlands has a fund to encourage participation by least developed countries that do not have an embassy in the Netherlands and that interested countries could have a portion of their accommodation cost beyond the first 50 euros per day covered by that fund.

*c) Voting by proxy*

Regarding the elections, the Secretariat informed that States Parties will receive a message recalling the practice of the Assembly to allow for a vote by proxy.

*d) National tellers*

The Bureau was informed that regional groups are invited to designate a focal point to identify the five tellers who could help with the election on 24 and 25 June 2015.

*e) Arrears*

The Bureau was informed that pursuant to article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute, 13 States parties had lost their right to vote. In addition, the Bureau was informed that the amounts of accumulated contributions could have two main effects on the finances of the Court : a) An impact on the cash-flow and the need to make use of the Working Capital Fund for 2015, with the possible implication that States Parties could be asked to replenish this fund and b) That there may not be a budget surplus at the end of 2014, which was intended to finance part of the cost of the consolidated permanent premises project.

The Bureau encouraged all States Parties to regularize their financial obligations with the Court as soon as possible and decided to remain seized of the issue noting that the démarches undertaken in other international organizations on outstanding contributions could be borne in mind.

**2. Fourteenth session of the Assembly**

The Secretariat informed of the status of preparations for the fourteenth session to be held in The Hague from 18 to 26 November 2015 at the World Forum Convention Center. The respective documentation, including the provisional agenda, would be available on the Court's website.<sup>1</sup>

**3. Other issues**

*a) Contingency fund*

The Bureau was informed that the total amount of notifications made by the Court regarding the Contingency Fund for 2015 reached € 3,089,600. The Bureau recalled that the updates of new notifications are available on the extranet of States Parties.

*b) Working methods of the Bureau*

The Bureau discussed the issue of sharing the agenda of meetings and non-sensitive documents with States Parties in advance of each meeting, as well as the possibility of an advance schedule of dates for future Bureau meetings.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.icc-cpi.int/en\\_menus/asp/elections/Pages/election2015.aspx](http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/asp/elections/Pages/election2015.aspx).