



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Fourth meeting

12 May 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 discussions with the host State on a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the organization of the resumed thirteenth session of the Assembly were on-going and should be concluded by the end of May.

b) Elections

The Bureau was informed that all the documentation on the elections to fill a judicial vacancy was available on the webpage of the Assembly, including the report of the Advisory Committee on Nominations and the Guide to the elections.

c) 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 received a contribution and that a second contribution was likely to be made by mid-May.

The Bureau called upon the least developed countries and other developing States Parties interested in making use of the trust fund to attend the resumed session to submit their requests to the Secretariat by 29 May 2015 (ICC-ASP/R13-14/LDC/10).

d) National tellers

The Bureau was informed that the Western European and other States Group has agreed to recommend Ms. Fiona Burger (Netherlands) as national teller.

The other regional groups were requested to convey by early June the names of their national tellers who would help with the election on 24 and 25 June 2015.

2. Working methods

The Bureau had an exchange of views on the working methods of the Assembly, its Bureau and its subsidiary bodies, including on the working paper submitted by Slovenia with the cooperation of Argentina and Switzerland, on the way forward on the implementation of the 2013 report of the Bureau on the topic. It was agreed to continue the discussion thereon, including the Bureau working methods, at a meeting to be held on 23 June 2015 in The Hague.

The request was also made that the issue of the working methods be reviewed and discussed in greater detail within The Hague Working Group.

3. Oversight Committee on permanent premises

The Bureau was briefed on the key developments regarding the Oversight Committee on permanent premises including the fact that the project is advancing within the timeframes foreseen, that the Court would occupy the new premises in September 2015 and move into the new premises between 30 November and 11 December 2015; that the project remains with the Assembly approved budget; and that the premises will be delivered at a level of functionality that is expected to meet the Court's demands under the projected growth scenario. The key challenges ahead were mainly to be found in; a) The funding of the project; b) The 2016 rent for the interim premises and c) The ownership interest of States Parties.

4. Other matters

a) Fourteenth session of the Assembly

The Bureau was informed that preparations were on-going to organize the fourteenth session of the Assembly in The Hague from 18 to 26 November 2015 at the World Forum Convention Center. Several documents for the session, including the provisional agenda, have been posted on the Court's website.

b) Independent Oversight Mechanism

As regards the recruitment of the permanent Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism, the Bureau agreed with the proposal by the President of the Assembly to entrust the Vice-President of the Assembly, Amb. Alvaro Moerzinger (Uruguay), in consultation with Amb. Sebastiano Cardi (Italy), with holding informal consultations with a view of submitting a proposal to the Bureau on 23 June 2015 on the way forward.

c) Advisory Committee on Nominations

The Bureau recalled that the election of the nine members of the Advisory Committee would take place at the fourteenth session of the Assembly, and that the respective nomination period would run from 29 June to 20 September 2015 (Central European Time).¹

d) Focal points on non-cooperation

The Bureau recalled that the focal points on non-cooperation it had appointed would be holding informal consultations on the topic in New York on 19 May:

- a) Belgium (Group of Western European and Other States)²
- b) Czech Republic (Group of Eastern European States)³
- c) Japan (Group of Asia-Pacific States)⁴
- d) Uruguay (Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)⁵

The President of the Assembly serves ex officio as focal point for his region.

¹ http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/asp/elections/Pages/election2015.aspx.

² Decision taken by the Bureau at its third meeting held on 12 March 2015.

³ Decision taken by the Bureau via silence procedure which ended on 7 April 2015.

⁴ *Ibidem*.

⁵ Decision taken by the Bureau at its third meeting held on 12 March 2015.