



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Eighteenth meeting

The Hague, 24 November 2015

Agenda and decisions

The meeting was chaired by the President of the Assembly, H.E. Mr. Sidiki Kaba (Senegal)

1) Possible follow-up to the high-level debate on agenda items 21 and 22

The Vice-President of the Assembly, Ambassador Alvaro Moerzinger (Uruguay), informed the Bureau of the outcome of the informal consultations which he had been entrusted with by the Bureau on the way forward which the Bureau could propose regarding agenda item 21, 'Application and Implementation of Article 97 and Article 98 of the Rome Statute' and agenda item 22, 'Review of the Application and implementation of amendments to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence introduced at the 12th Assembly', proposed, by South Africa and Kenya, respectively.

As regards agenda item 21, he indicated that the draft text proposed by South Africa had been acceptable to the delegations participating in the informal consultations.

The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Assembly the inclusion of the draft text in the proceedings of the Official Records of the fourteenth session of the Assembly in respect of agenda item 21. It further decided that the text would be conveyed to the Assembly with the understanding that the draft text relating to articles 27 and 98 had been accepted without prejudice to the provisions of article 119 of the Rome Statute.

The Bureau reiterated its commitment to the principles of judicial and prosecutorial independence of the Court and to the principle of non-interference in cases that are sub judice.

2) Organization of work

The Bureau took note of the revised work programme of the fourteenth session, dated 24 November 2015.

3) Other matters

The Bureau decided to recommend to the Assembly that the issue of the follow-up to resolution ICC-ASP/13/Res.6 be included under the consultations on the proposed programme budget being conducted by Ambassador Werner Druml (Austria).