



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Fifteenth meeting

19 November 2013

Agenda and decisions

1. Preparations for the twelfth session of the Assembly

(i) Consideration of the work programme

The President of the Assembly referred to status of preparations for the twelfth session and in particular that: developments might require that additional time be allocated to the discussion of the budget, the Working Group on Amendments and the omnibus resolution; the speakers' list for the general debate had 51 States Parties and several other observers; that Kenya had requested the inclusion of Deputy President Mr. William Ruto as speaker in the general debate and that a number of countries were going to participate at the level of ministers of foreign affairs or justice in the general debate which would start on 20 November in the afternoon.

Furthermore, the President referred to the Special segment which the Bureau had recommended to the Assembly, as set out in document ICC-ASP/12/1/Add.2. She highlighted that she and the moderator, after having sought input from all States Parties, had been attempting to identify panellists with a comprehensive understanding of the Rome Statute system and its negotiating process and of current challenges the system was facing. She noted in this regard that in many cases, due to short notice, the persons suggested were unable to come to the session. In terms of the substantive discussion at the panel, the President recalled that views had been expressed that it should remain at the level of principles, without specific discussion of cases before the Court.

The President indicated that two panellists had confirmed their participation: Professor Cherif Bassiouni, the Chair of the Drafting Committee at the 1998 Rome Conference, and Professor Charles Jalloh, who had been suggested by African States Parties members of the Bureau. The President also recalled the invitation she had extended to the acting Legal Counsel of the African Union Ms Djenna Diarra at the suggestion of a number of African States Parties.

(ii) Designation of national tellers for the elections

As regard the identification of national tellers, Mr. Hugues de Franclieu (France) was proposed on the part of the Group of Western European and other States.

Consultations would continue within the other regional groups in order to identify the tellers in due time before the day of the election.

iii) Credentials Committee

The Bureau decided to recommend to the Assembly that the nine States which were in the Credentials Committee during the eleventh session of the Assembly be appointed to the Credentials Committee of the twelfth session:

Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, Gabon, Hungary, Kenya, Panama, Peru and the Republic of Korea

iv) Oversight Committee on permanent premises

As regards the need to renew the membership of the Oversight Committee by electing ten members, the President recalled that expressions of interest in becoming a member could be submitted to the Chair of the Committee by 25 November.

2. Oral report of the Bureau

The Bureau approved the draft oral report of the Bureau, dated 18 November 2013, which the President would present in an abridged form to the Assembly under the agenda item entitled, “Report on the activities of the Bureau”. The full text would be made available on-line.
