



Fifth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting

4 December 2008

Agenda and Decisions

1. Working Groups of the Bureau

a) Mandates

The Bureau allocated the following issues to its Working Groups:

New York Working Group

- i) Plan of action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute
- ii) Geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff members
- iii) Arrears
- iv) Review Conference

The Hague Working Group

- i) Legal aid
- ii) Family visits
- iii) Strategic planning process
- iv) Cooperation
- v) Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims
- vi) Budget
- vii) Contingency Fund
- viii) Independent oversight mechanism

b) *Coordinators*

The New York Working Group

The Bureau appointed Vice-President of the Assembly, Ambassador Zachary D. Muburi-Muita (Kenya), as Coordinator of the New York Working Group for 2009.

The Hague Working Group

The Bureau appointed Vice-President of the Assembly, Ambassador Jorge Lomonaco (Mexico), as Coordinator of The Hague Working Group for 2009. Furthermore the Bureau noted that Ambassador Lomonaco would step down as Chair of the Oversight Committee in the early part of 2009 and that, until then, Ambassador Kirsten Biering (Denmark) would continue as Coordinator of The Hague Working Group.

c) *Facilitators*

As regards the independent oversight mechanism, the Bureau appointed Mr. Akbar Khan (United Kingdom) as facilitator, so that The Hague Working Group could begin its consultations with a view to reporting to a resumed session in 2009.

The Bureau requested the respective Coordinators to hold consultations in order to identify the facilitators for the other issues assigned to the Working Groups and to submit their names to the Bureau at its next meeting.

2. Organization of work at the first resumption of the seventh session

a) *Election of judges: organizational aspects*

The Bureau noted that the following documents concerning the election of judges would be issued:

- i) Note by the Secretariat on the third election of the judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/7/33 and Add.1), and
- ii) Third election of judges of the International Criminal Court: guide to the election (ICC-ASP/7/34).

Mock election

The Bureau noted that the Secretariat would organize a mock election at United Nations Headquarters, on Friday, 16 January 2009, to provide delegations with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the voting procedure, as well as with the minimum voting requirements applicable for the election.

b) Election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance

The Chairman informed the Bureau that since the number of candidates presented by the Asian group did not correspond to the number of vacancies for that group, the Bureau would undertake efforts to attain consensus, in accordance with resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5. In this connection, the Bureau requested Ms. Noelani Manoa (Samoa) to conduct consultations within the Asian group with a view to obtaining the regional endorsement of two candidates.

c) Selection of national tellers

The Chairman requested Bureau members to liaise with their respective regional groups in order to identify five individuals, one from each regional group, to serve as national tellers during the elections, so that the names could be conveyed to the Secretariat by Tuesday, 13 January 2009. The Secretariat would hold a briefing for the national tellers, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, 15 January 2009 at 14:00.

d) Provisional programme of work

The Bureau approved the provisional programme of work for the first resumption of the seventh session, agreed to recommend its adoption by the Assembly and requested the Secretariat to disseminate it to States.

3. States in arrears

The Bureau noted that, as of 1 January 2009, 14 States Parties would not be eligible to vote, pursuant to the provisions of article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute, if the contributions due for 2008 become arrears. In this connection, the Bureau was informed that, by a note verbale, dated 22 October 2008, the Secretariat had advised all States concerned of the minimum payment required to avoid loss of voting rights during any meetings of the Assembly of States Parties to be held in 2009.

4. Organization of work at the second resumption of the seventh session

The Bureau approved the provisional agenda for the second resumption of the seventh session and requested the Secretariat to issue it.

The Bureau further approved the provisional programme of work for the second resumption, agreed to recommend its adoption by the Assembly and requested the Secretariat to disseminate it to States.

5. Next meeting

The Bureau decided to hold its next meeting on 14 January 2009.

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