



**Thirteenth ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting
4 November 2008
Agenda and Decisions**

1. Seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties

(a) Election of the Bureau for the seventh to ninth sessions of the Assembly

With the reports by the focal points of the African Group and the Western European and Other States Group, the Bureau took note of the candidatures to the Bureau for the seventh to ninth sessions of the Assembly, subject to the election by the Assembly.

African States: Burkina Faso, Gabon, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa.

Asian States: Japan, Jordan and Samoa.

Eastern European States: Estonia, Georgia, Romania and Slovenia.

Latin American and Caribbean States: Brazil, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela.

Western European and Other States: Australia, Norway, Spain and the United Kingdom.

(b) Composition of the Credentials Committee

The Chairman renewed his prior appeal for members to consult within their respective regional groups and submit names of their representatives to the Committee.

(c) Facilitator for the omnibus resolution

Mr. Emmanuel Bichet (Switzerland), facilitator for the omnibus resolution for 2008, indicated that he would circulate the first draft of the resolution immediately after the Bureau meeting and that informal consultations would be held on 7 November at UN Headquarters to discuss the draft resolution.

(d) Work programme: Journal of side events

The Bureau approved a revised programme of work for the seventh session of the Assembly and the Chairman indicated that the Secretariat would disseminate a daily Journal indicating the official meetings, informal meetings and side events.

2. Reports of the Working Groups of the Bureau

(a) The New York Working Group

Reports of the facilitators

i) Arrears

The Chairman recalled that the report of the facilitator for the issue of arrears, Ms. Polly Ioannou (Cyprus), entitled "Report to the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties on the issue of arrears," had been adopted by the Bureau via a non-objection procedure on 27 October 2008.

ii) Review Conference

The facilitator on the issue of the Review Conference, Mr. Sabelo Sivuyile Maqungo (South Africa), indicated that consultations were still on-going and that the issue of whether the Review Conference will be held in Uganda, New York or The Hague would be revisited during the seventh session of the Assembly. He also recalled that Argentina's offer to host the Conference, as set out in resolution ICC-ASP/7/Res.8, was still valid.

Furthermore, the facilitator indicated that he would consult with the focal point for the Review Conference, Mr. Rolf Fife (Norway), on the possibility of submitting a written report to the Assembly.

(b) The Hague Working Group

i) Report of the Coordinator of The Hague Working Group

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Coordinator of The Hague Working Group, Ambassador Kirsten Biering (Denmark), had in a letter dated 4 November 2008, addressed to the President of the Assembly, informed him of the activities of the Working Group during 2008. Since the Bureau members would require some time to study its content, the letter would be considered at the next meeting.

ii) Reports of the facilitators

Cooperation

The Chairman recalled that the Bureau adopted the report of the focal point on cooperation via a non-objection procedure on 27 October 2008.

Strategic Plan

The Bureau adopted the report of the facilitator, Ambassador Kirsten Biering (Denmark), on the Strategic planning process of the Court, dated 31 October 2008.

Reports pending adoption

The Chairman noted that the report of The Hague Working Group on the assessment of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for victims was forthcoming and that the report on the different mechanisms for legal aid existing before the international jurisdictions as well as the report on family visits for detainees would be adopted through a non-objection procedure.

3. Report on the activities of the Bureau

The Chairman recalled that a draft report on the activities of the Bureau had been circulated and that according to past practice, the President would present an oral report of the Bureau to the Assembly at the seventh session.

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