



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Third meeting

12 March 2015

Agenda and Decisions

The meeting took place in New York and was chaired by the President of the Assembly of States Parties, H.E. Mr. Sidiki Kaba.

1. Appointment of facilitators for the New York Working Group and other Bureau mandates

a) Mandates of the New York Working Group

The Bureau decided to appoint the following facilitators of the New York Working Group:

- For "Arrears" Mr. Slavomir Kantor (Slovakia);
- For the topic of "Geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff of the Court," Ms. Gina Guillén (Costa Rica);
- For the topic "Procedure for nomination and election of judges," Mr. Stefan Barriga (Liechtenstein); and
- For the "Omnibus resolution", Ms. Ana Cristina Rodríguez (Guatemala). Regarding this facilitation, the Bureau noted Ms. Rodríguez's availability for 2015 only and invited delegates interested in succeeding Ms. Rodríguez to transmit to the Vice-President expressions of interest so as to facilitate the transition.

The Bureau appointed Belgium as a focal point for organizing a pledging ceremony on ratification of the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Court, to be held at the fifteenth session of the Assembly and also noted the need to identify and appoint a second focal point in The Hague.

b) Focal points for non-cooperation

The Bureau appointed Belgium and Uruguay as focal points for their regions on non-cooperation. The Bureau noted that consultations among States Parties in the Eastern European and Asia-Pacific groups were ongoing, and decided to proceed to appoint the focal points for those regions via silence procedure at a later date. The President serves *ex officio* as focal point for his region.

2. Independent Oversight Mechanism

The Bureau considered the question of the recruitment of the permanent Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism and decided to continue consultations on this issue.

3. Other issues

a) *Evaluation and rationalization of the working methods of the Bureau and its subsidiary bodies*

The Bureau decided to make available the agenda of future meetings of the Bureau to all States Parties via email in advance.

The documentation for each Bureau meeting will be made available to all States Parties via the extranet. The President retains the right to decide, in case of sensitive information, whether to limit the distribution of documents to Bureau members.

The Bureau encouraged regional groups to nominate a focal point to facilitate the exchange of information between the Bureau and other States Parties.

The Bureau began discussions on the possibility of an advance schedule of dates for future Bureau meetings.

b) *Judicial developments¹*

The President informed the Bureau that he had expressed the commitment of the Assembly and the Bureau to support the new Presidency of the Court, which has been elected on 11 March: President of the Court, Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi (Argentina); first Vice-President, Judge Joyce Aluoch (Kenya) and Second Vice-President, Judge Kuniko Ozaki (Japan).

Regarding the situation in Darfur, Sudan, the Bureau was informed of the decision taken on 9 March 2015 by Pre-Trial Chamber II to inform the UN Security Council on the non-cooperation of Sudan in the arrest and surrender of Mr. Omar al-Bashir (ICC-02/05-01/09-227).

Regarding the situation in Kenya, the Bureau was informed of 9 March 2015 decision by Trial Chamber V(B), to allow the Prosecutor to appeal the "Decision on the Prosecutor's request for determine the non-cooperation under Article 87 (7) of the Statute "of 3 December 2014 (ICC-01/09-02/11-1004).

c) *Developments in the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations*

The Bureau was informed by Chile, focal point of States Parties to the Rome Statute on issues concerning the UN Security Council, on the most important developments: the press release of the Security Council of 21 January 2015 welcoming the arrest and transfer of Mr. Dominic Onwgen to the Court (S/11744); Council resolution 2196 (2015) of 22 January 2015 on the Central African Republic; and Council resolution 2198 (2015) of 28 January 2015 on the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

¹ For weekly updates on situations and cases before the Court, *see*: http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/icc/press%20and%20media/icc%20weekly%20update/Pages/index.aspx