

**FIFTH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES OF
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**

DAILY REPORT

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Review Conference

Informal consultations on the Review Conference took place in the morning. Mr. Rolf Fife from Norway, acting as focal point on the Review Conference, opened the meeting by reviewing his recent paper on suggestions and options for the Review Conference. The paper foresees the creation of a subsidiary body, a Working Group of the Bureau in New York, charged with preparing for this Review Conference.

Many states commented on the report and expressed their views on the Review Conference. The discussion will be reflected in the Omnibus Resolution.

Omnibus Resolution

There were informal discussions on the Omnibus Resolution which will continue next week.

Permanent Premises

The Working Group on the Permanent Premises opened with a progress report on this discussion. There was an overall consensus in approving a draft resolution that would select the site of the Alexanderkazerne as the sole option for the Court's Premises. However, many delegations expressed the need for additional information about this option, including regarding cost and the time-scale.

The Working Group then moved to consider the draft resolution on the Permanent Premises. This discussion will continue on Monday, 27 November.

Budget and Finance

The Working Group on the Budget convened in the afternoon to discuss the pension scheme for judges, the IT strategy, the reflection of the inflation rate in the budget, and the procedure for the re-classification of posts. The discussion on outreach was introduced with a presentation by the Registrar and the CBF rapporteur, but this discussion will continue next week.

NGO Meetings

There were several NGO meetings. The Victims Rights Working Group met to discuss victims' protection and participation, the Victims Trust Fund, guidelines for intermediaries, and other matters.

During lunchtime, there was a meeting on the 'situation countries' with government representatives from Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan. Each government representatives' intervention was followed by remarks from a non-

governmental organization from each country, providing a valuable exchange of views on these situations.

In the afternoon, there was a meeting of the Working Group on Children's Issues, which hopes to revive its work on children's rights and participation in ICC proceedings, the use of child soldiers, and other issues.