

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

DAILY REPORT

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Strategic Plan

There were informal consultations on the strategic planning process of the Court, chaired by Michelle Dubrocard of France. The coordinator raised five issues for consideration: (1) the venue of the work's activities; (2) the role of victims, including participation and reparations; (3) the importance of outreach; (4) positive complementarity; and (5) how to link the budget to the strategic plan.

The coordinator then went on to consider the draft resolution on this matter, with much discussion on whether the Strategic Plan deserved a separate resolution or should be part of the Omnibus Resolution. In the end, it was decided that this resolution would remain separate.

Budget and Finance

The Working Group on the Budget convened a short meeting in the morning to discuss the cost of the detention center. The Host State announced that there were some efforts within the government to reduce the minimum number of cells from 12 to 6 cells. The statement received some support.

The Working Group reconvened in the afternoon (following the Informal Hearing on Outreach - see below) to discuss outreach and the recommended cuts proposed by the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF). Most states expressed the importance and necessity for outreach. Several states asked the CBF rapporteur to clarify the reasons for these proposed cuts. The CBF rapporteur reiterated that there was a lack of indication from the Court as to performance indicators and impact of outcome. The Registrar provided some clarifications as to both the staff and non-staff costs implicated by the proposed cuts.

Spain raised a proposal of endorsing the Court's budget request for outreach while requesting that it later conduct a more sophisticated assessment and evaluation of its impact. The Chair closed the debate by summarizing the main discussion so far, mainly that it appeared clear that the endorsement of the CBF's recommendations as such does not find consensus. The Working Group will need to find a solution, either to reverse the CBF's recommendations and allocate the sum of resources in full or in part. This discussion will continue tomorrow morning.

The Working Group for the Budget ended its session with a presentation by the CBF rapporteur on budget preparation and presentation.

Outreach

Sierra Leone chaired an Informal Hearing on Outreach, co-hosted by the Delegations of Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Sierra Leone, Spain, Uganda and the United Kingdom. This hearing provided a forum for an exchange of views on outreach prior to the discussion by the Working Group on the budget (see above). Presentations were given by the Ugandan government, a Serbian non-governmental organization representative, Parliamentarians for Global Action, Bukeni Beck from AJEDI-Ka based in DRC, the ICC Registrar, and the former Registrar of the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Several states expressed the importance they placed on outreach.

Permanent Premises

There was a continued consideration of the draft resolution on permanent premises, which was informally adopted except for OP6 of the resolution which will be subject to informal consultations tomorrow morning. The Working Group will then re-convene in the afternoon in the hopes of formally adopting the resolution formally.

Crime of Aggression

The Working Group on the Crime of Aggression considered the report of the inter-sessional meeting by the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression (SWGCA). Several states requested a revision of the Coordinator Paper on this matter. States also discussed the timing of the Review Conference and possible consequences this might have on the work of the SWGCA. There was also some discussion about the 'trigger mechanism.' Belgium also made a proposal on expanding the Pre-Trial Chamber when considering these matters.

NGO Meetings

The American NGO Coalition for the ICC (AMICC) and Citizens for Global Solutions (CGS) co-chaired a meeting on the U.S. position and developments on the ICC, highlighting in particular recent developments with regards to the U.S. Bilateral Immunity Agreement campaign, the possible impact of recent U.S. Congressional elections, and assessments of the U.S. position in light of the ICC's first cases.

Women's Initiative for Gender Justice (WIGJ) organized a Launch of the Gender Report Card, which provides an overview of the implementation of gender provisions of the Rome Statute in the Court's work, including gender balance in recruitment.

NGOs organized a meeting with the ICC Head of Human Resources to discuss geographical representation and gender balance in recruitment.