

Part I Proceedings

A. Introduction

1. In accordance with the decision taken at its 3rd meeting, on 9 September 2002,¹ the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court held its second session at United Nations Headquarters from 8 to 12 September 2003.
2. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/23 of 19 November 2002 and in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties,² the Secretary-General of the United Nations invited all States Parties to the Rome Statute to participate in the session. Other States that had signed the Statute or the Final Act were also invited to participate in the session as observers.
3. Pursuant to the same General Assembly resolution and in accordance with rule 92 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, also invited as observers to the session were representatives of intergovernmental organizations and other entities that had received a standing invitation from the General Assembly pursuant to its relevant resolutions³ as well as representatives of regional intergovernmental organizations and other international bodies invited to the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court (Rome, June/July 1998), accredited to the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court or invited by the Assembly of States Parties.
4. Furthermore, in accordance with rule 93 of the Rules of Procedure, non-governmental organizations invited to the Rome Conference, registered to the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court or in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations whose activities were relevant to the activities of the Court or that had been invited by the Assembly of States Parties attended and participated in the work of the Assembly.
5. In accordance with rule 94 of the Rules of Procedure, the following States were invited to be present during the work of the Assembly of States Parties: Bhutan, Cook Islands, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Grenada, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Maldives, Mauritania, Micronesia (Federated States of), Myanmar, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Somalia, Suriname, Swaziland, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.
6. The list of delegations to the session is contained in document ICC-ASP/2/INF/2.
7. The session was opened by the President of the Assembly of States Parties, H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Husseini (Jordan).

¹ *Official Records of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, First session, New York, 3-10 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.V.2 and corrigendum), part I, para. 39.

² *Ibid.*, part II.C.

³ General Assembly resolutions 253 (III), 477 (V), 2011 (XX), 3208 (XXIX), 3237 (XXIX), 3369 (XXX), 31/3, 33/18, 35/2, 35/3, 36/4, 42/10, 43/6, 44/6, 45/6, 46/8, 47/4, 48/2, 48/3, 48/4, 48/5, 48/237, 48/265, 49/1, 49/2, 50/2, 51/1, 51/6, 51/204, 52/6, 53/5, 53/6, 53/216, 54/5, 54/10, 54/195, 55/160, 55/161, 56/90, 56/91, 56/92, 57/29, 57/30, 57/31 and 57/32 and Assembly decision 56/475.

8. The Bureau of the Assembly that had been elected at the first session, for a term of three years, continued during the second session, as follows:

President:

H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein (Jordan)

Vice-Presidents:

Mr. Allieu Ibrahim Kanu (Sierra Leone)

Mr. Felipe Paolillo (Uruguay)

Rapporteur:

Mr. Alexander Marschik (Austria)

Other members of the Bureau:

Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Gabon, Malta, Mongolia, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

9. At its 1st meeting, on 8 September 2003, in accordance with rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure, the following States were appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee: Benin, Fiji, France, Honduras, Ireland, Paraguay, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia and Uganda. The Assembly considered it useful for purposes of continuity to appoint to the Credentials Committee the same States serving in that capacity during the term of office of the current Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties.

10. The Director of the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, Mr. Václav Mikulka, acted as Secretary of the Assembly and Ms. Mahnoush H. Arsanjani acted as Deputy Secretary. The Codification Division provided the substantive servicing for the Assembly.

11. At its 1st meeting, the Assembly observed one minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation in accordance with rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure, as well as to the memory of the United Nations staff members killed as a result of the bombing of the Headquarters of the United Nations in Baghdad on 19 August 2003 as well as the many innocent victims of various recent indiscriminate attacks. At its 4th meeting, on 11 September, the Assembly, while recalling the terrible events of 11 September 2001, also observed one minute of silence in honour of the Foreign Minister of Sweden, Ms. Anna Lindh, who died as a result of stab wounds by an assailant.

12. At its 1st meeting, the Assembly adopted the following agenda (ICC-ASP/2/1):

1. Opening of the session by the President.
2. Silent prayer or meditation.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Credentials of representatives of States Parties at the second session:
 - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
5. Organization of work.

6. Report on the activities of the Bureau.
7. Report on the activities of the Court.
8. Establishment of the secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties.
9. Consideration and adoption of the budget for the second financial year.
10. Adoption of the scale of assessments.
11. Consideration of audit reports.
12. Election of the Deputy Prosecutor.
13. Election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance.
14. Election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court, and of the families of such victims.
15. Report of the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression.
16. Establishment of an international criminal bar.
17. Decisions concerning the next meeting, including dates and venue.
18. Decisions concerning the next meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance, including dates and venue.
19. Other matters.

13. The annotated list of items included in the provisional agenda was contained in a note by the Secretariat (document ICC-ASP/2/1/Add.1).

14. Also at the 1st meeting, the Assembly agreed on a programme of work and decided to meet in plenary session as well as in the working group format. The Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression, established pursuant to Assembly resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.1 of 9 September 2002, met in accordance with the arrangements reached by the Assembly at the 8th meeting of its first session, on 7 February 2003.⁴ In accordance with paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned resolution, the Special Working Group is open on an equal footing to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency. In addition, the Assembly established a Working Group on the Draft Programme Budget for 2004 and a Working Group on the Draft Staff Regulations of the Court.

15. The President, following consultations with the Bureau, appointed Ambassador Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein) to chair the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression; Mr. Patricio Ruedas (Spain) to chair the Working Group on the Draft Programme Budget for 2004; and Ms. Gaile Ramoutar (Trinidad and Tobago) to chair the Working Group on the Draft Staff Regulations of the Court.

16. The Assembly also held informal consultations on the establishment of an international criminal bar, coordinated by Mr. Hans Bevers, the focal point of the Bureau on the matter; on the establishment of the Secretariat of the Assembly of

⁴ *Official Records of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, First session (First and second resumptions), New York, 3-7 February and 21-23 April 2003* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.V.8), part I, paras. 38 and 39.

States Parties, coordinated by Mr. Alexander Marschik (Austria); and on the term of office of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance, coordinated by Mr. Sivu Maqungo (South Africa).

B. Consideration of issues on the agenda of the Assembly at its second session

1. Credentials of representatives of States Parties at the second session

17. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly adopted the report of the Credentials Committee (see annex I to the present report).

2. Report on the activities of the Bureau

18. At its 1st meeting, on 8 September 2003, the Assembly took note of the oral report of the President on the activities of the Bureau. In his report, the President noted that during the first year, the Bureau held formal and informal meetings aimed at assisting the Assembly in carrying out its activities under the Statute. Between 3 September 2002 and 8 September 2003, the Bureau held 10 meetings. Typically, the Bureau convened a meeting on the morning of the opening day of a session or resumed session to consider the organization and programme of work, to discuss procedural and substantive issues on the agenda, and to take decisions or make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration by the Assembly. Such issues included questions concerning the conduct of business, representation and participation in the work of the Assembly and its subsidiary and other bodies and procedures for nomination and election to the relevant organs and bodies of the Court and the Assembly, including fixing dates for nomination and election or extending dates for nomination. The Bureau also dealt with managerial and institutional questions relating to the Court, such as the extension of the period of service of the Advance Team and the nomination and appointment of the Director of Common Services.

19. Moreover, the Bureau held meetings intersessionally to address specific issues requiring consideration and decision as appropriate, such as the status of nominations for the judges and proposals on the establishment of a Secretariat of the Assembly. In addition, the Bureau convened ad hoc meetings to consult on various issues relevant to the work of the Assembly and the Court. During the start-up phase the Bureau, through the Office of the President, was in regular contact with the Director of Common Services on matters concerning the establishment of the Court.

20. Concerning the methods of work of the Bureau, it was noted that in some instances subcommittees of the Bureau were established to carry out certain responsibilities on behalf of the Bureau or the Assembly or individual members of the Bureau were assigned specific tasks or acted as liaison for the Bureau with regional groups. Furthermore, the President was in continuous contact with the Court, the Secretariat as well as the host country on matters that required the input of the Bureau. In this connection, it was also noted that pursuant to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, the President presided over the taking of the solemn undertaking by the judges during the inaugural meeting on 11 March 2003 and by the Prosecutor on 16 June 2003.

3. Statements by the President and Prosecutor of the Court, and general and other statements

21. At its 1st meeting, on 8 September 2003, the Assembly heard statements from Judge Philippe Kirsch, President of the Court, and Mr. Luis Moreno Ocampo, Prosecutor of the Court. Statements were also made by the Minister of Justice, Administration and Local Self-Government of Croatia, Ms. Ingrid Anticevic Marinovic, and representatives of the host country, the Netherlands and Italy (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries (Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia), the associated countries (Bulgaria and Romania), and the European Free Trade Association countries members of the European Economic Area (Iceland and Norway) also aligned themselves with the statement). A statement was also made by the representative of Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group). At the 2nd meeting, on 9 September, the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of African States), South Africa and the Democratic Republic of the Congo made statements.

4. Report on the activities of the Court

22. At its 1st meeting, on 8 September 2003, the Assembly took note of the report of the International Criminal Court to the Assembly (ICC-ASP/2/5).

5. Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

(a) Election

23. In a letter dated 11 August 2003 from the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to the President of the Assembly of States Parties (ICC-ASP/2/8, annex), the Prosecutor submitted three nominations for election to the post of Deputy Prosecutor, in accordance with paragraph 4 of article 42 of the Rome Statute. Through a note by the Secretariat dated 3 September 2003 (ICC-ASP/2/8/Add.1), the Assembly was informed that one of the candidates had announced his decision to withdraw his candidature.

24. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 September 2003, the Assembly proceeded to elect the Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court on the basis of the nominations submitted by the Prosecutor (ICC-ASP/2/8) and the subsequent withdrawal of one candidature (ICC-ASP/2/8/Add.1). Having obtained an absolute majority of the members of the Assembly of States Parties, Mr. Serge Brammertz (Belgium) was elected Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

25. Eighty-seven ballots were cast, of which none were invalid and 87 were valid. The number of States Parties voting was 87; the required absolute majority was 46; and the number of votes obtained by the candidates was as follows: Mr. Serge Brammertz (Belgium), 65, and Mr. Vladimir Tochilovsky (Ukraine), 22.

(b) Term of office and commencement of the term of office

26. Also at the 2nd meeting, prior to the election, the Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Bureau, decided that the term of office of the Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court should be six years and that it should begin to run from 3 November following the date of election.

6. Committee on Budget and Finance

(a) Election of members

27. At the 10th meeting of its first session, on 21 April 2003, the Assembly, having received no nomination from Eastern European States, decided to defer election of candidates from those States until its second session. The Bureau fixed the period for nomination of candidates to run from 28 April to 21 August 2003 and the Secretariat was requested to issue an official note inviting nominations.

28. At its 1st meeting, on 8 September 2003, the Assembly proceeded to elect the following remaining members of the Committee on Budget and Finance from Eastern European States in accordance with its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5 of 3 September 2002:

Ms. Elena Sopková (Slovakia)
Ms. Inna Steinbuka (Latvia)

29. In accordance with paragraph 11 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, the Assembly dispensed with a secret ballot and elected the two members from Eastern European States by acclamation.

30. Consequently, the Committee on Budget and Finance consists of the following members:

Mr. Lambert Dah Kindji (Benin)
Mr. David Dutton (Australia)
Mr. Eduardo Gallardo Aparicio (Bolivia)
Mr. Fawzi Gharaibeh (Jordan)
Mr. Myung-jae Hahn (Republic of Korea)
Mr. Peter Lovell (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. John F. S. Muwanga (Uganda)
Mr. Karl Paschke (Germany)
Ms. Elena Sopková (Slovakia)
Ms. Inna Steinbuka (Latvia)
Mr. Michel-Etienne Tilemans (Belgium)
Mr. Santiago Wins Arnábal (Uruguay)

(b) Term of office of members and drawing of lots pursuant to paragraph 13 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5

31. At the 10th meeting of its first session, on 21 April 2003, the Assembly decided that the term of office of members shall begin to run on 21 April 2003.

32. At the same 10th meeting, the Assembly, in its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.16, decided to defer the drawing of lots in accordance with paragraph 13 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5 of 3 September 2002 until the election of the remaining members.

33. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly adopted, by consensus, resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.5, amending the last sentence of paragraph 2 of the annex to resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.4 of 3 September 2002 concerning the establishment of the Committee on Budget and Finance. By the terms of the amending resolution, of the 12 members who are initially elected, 6 members shall be for a period of two years and the remaining 6 for a period of three years (see part IV of the present report).

34. At the same meeting, the President, pursuant to paragraph 13 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5 of 3 September 2002, drew lots to select members elected who shall serve two and three years, respectively, in accordance with resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.4 as amended by resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.5 of 12 September 2003.

(i) *Members elected to serve two years*

35. The following members, listed in alphabetical order, were selected to serve for a term of two years each:

Mr. Eduardo Gallardo Aparicio (Bolivia)
Mr. Peter Lovell (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. John F. S. Muwanga (Uganda)
Mr. Karl Paschke (Germany)
Ms. Inna Steinbuka (Latvia)
Mr. Michel-Etienne Tilemans (Belgium)

(ii) *Members elected to serve three years*

36. The following members, listed in alphabetical order, were selected to serve for a term of three years each:

Mr. Lambert Dah Kindji (Benin)
Mr. David Dutton (Australia)
Mr. Fawzi Gharaibeh (Jordan)
Mr. Myung-jae Hahn (Republic of Korea)
Ms. Elena Sopková (Slovakia)
Mr. Santiago Wins Arnábal (Uruguay)

(c) **Opening of nomination period for election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance**

37. Since the term of office of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance would expire on 21 April 2005, the Assembly, at its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, decided to hold elections for the six members at its third session in 2004, and in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, the Bureau fixed the nomination period to run from 1 March to 30 June 2004. The permanent secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties was requested to issue an official note inviting nominations.

(d) **Travel and subsistence expenses of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance**

38. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly adopted resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.4, amending paragraph 15 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5 of 3 September 2002 on the procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance. By the terms of the resolution, travel and subsistence expenses of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance while in the performance of the Committee's duties shall be met from the programme budget (see part IV of the present report).

(e) Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Budget and Finance

39. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, on the recommendation of the Working Group on the Programme Budget, the Assembly, bearing in mind rule 84 of its rules of procedure, approved the rules of procedure of the Committee on Budget and Finance (see annex III to the present report).

7. Election of members of the Board of Directors of the Victims Trust Fund

40. At the 11th meeting of its first session, on 22 April 2003, the Assembly decided to open the period for nomination of members as Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court, and of the families of such victims, to run from 28 April to 21 August 2003, and the Secretariat was requested to issue an official note inviting nominations.

41. At the 1st meeting of the Assembly, on 8 September 2003, since an insufficient number of nominations had been received at the close of the nomination period, the Bureau reopened the nomination period to run from 8 to 10 September 2003 and it was agreed that the election would be held on 12 September 2003.

42. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly proceeded to elect the members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court, and the families of such victims in accordance with its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7 of 9 September 2002:

Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah (Jordan)
 Óscar Arias Sánchez (Costa Rica)
 Tadeusz Mazowiecki (Poland)
 Archbishop Desmond Tutu (South Africa)
 Simone Veil (France)

43. In accordance with paragraph 10 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7, the Assembly dispensed with a secret ballot and elected one member each from the African States, the Asian States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and Other States by acclamation. The term of office of three years began to run for each member of the Board from 12 September 2003.

8. Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression

44. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly took note of the oral report of the Chairman of the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression. On the recommendation of the Chairman of the Special Working Group, the Assembly decided to annex the discussion paper on the definition and elements of the crime of aggression prepared by the Coordinator of the Working Group on the Crime of Aggression during the Preparatory Commission of the International Criminal Court as contained in document PCNICC/2002/2/Add.2 to the report of the Assembly (see annex II to the present report).

9. Establishment of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties

45. At its 1st meeting, on 8 September 2003, the Assembly received Bureau proposals concerning the establishment of the secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties, prepared pursuant to Assembly resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.9 (see ICC-

ASP/2/3; and ICC-ASP/2/2 section II, Part Two, which is reproduced in part II.A.5 of the present report). Informal consultations were held on the establishment of the secretariat.

46. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly adopted, by consensus, resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.3, on the establishment of the permanent secretariat of the Assembly (see part IV of the present report).

47. At the 4th meeting, on 11 September 2003, the Assembly was informed of the establishment of a working group of the Bureau to assist in the selection of the Director of the secretariat of the Assembly. The working group consists of the following: Austria, Nigeria, Serbia and Montenegro, and Uruguay. Alexander Marschik (Austria) would serve as Chairman of the working group.

10. Consideration and adoption of the budget for the second financial year

48. The Assembly, through its Working Group, considered the programme budget for 2004 on the basis of the draft proposal submitted by the Registrar, the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the initial report of the External Auditor and the preliminary comments made by the Court on the External Auditor's report.

49. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly considered and approved, by consensus, the programme budget for 2004 (see part II.A.1 to 3 and 5 of the present report).

50. Also at the same meeting, the Assembly adopted, by consensus, resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.1, concerning the programme budget in relation to:

(a) Programme budget for the year 2004, including appropriations totalling 53,071,846 euros for the major programmes; staffing tables for each of the major programmes as well as recommendations on the implementation of the approved programme budget and the preparation of the 2005 draft programme budget;

(b) Working Capital Fund for the year 2004;

(c) Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the International Criminal Court;

(d) Financing for appropriations for the year 2004 (see part II.A.4 of the present report).

51. The representatives of Australia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made statements following the adoption of the programme budget.

11. Consideration of audit reports

52. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly, on the recommendation of the working group on the programme budget, took note, with appreciation, of the programme of work and initial report of the External Auditor and the comments of the Registrar on the audit report and looked forward to receiving, in 2004, the External Auditor's report on the financial statements for the first financial period of the Court. On the recommendation of the Chairman of the working group on the programme budget, the Assembly decided to include the programme of work and initial report of the External Auditor and the comments of the Registrar on the audit report in the report of the Assembly (see part II.B.1 and 2 of the present report).

12. Establishment of an international criminal bar

53. At its 3rd meeting, on 10 September 2003, the Assembly held discussions on the establishment of an international criminal bar, and heard a statement from the Registrar, Bruno Cathala, on the provisions of rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence. The Assembly decided to annex the statement of the Registrar to the report of the Assembly (see annex IV to the present report). The Assembly also held informal discussions on the establishment of the international criminal bar.

54. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly took note of the oral report of the focal point on the establishment of an international criminal bar, Hans Bevers (Netherlands), on his efforts to coordinate discussions on the matter. In an exchange of views on the scope of the item, the representatives of Brazil, Spain, France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Uganda, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Fiji, Trinidad and Tobago, and Portugal made statements. On the recommendation of the focal point, the Assembly decided to annex a summary of the statement of the focal point to the report of the Assembly (see annex V to the present report).

13. Other matters

(a) Conditions of service and compensation of judges of the International Criminal Court

55. At its 4th meeting, on 11 September 2003, the Assembly decided to align the various language versions of paragraph 11 of the document on the Conditions of service and compensation of the judges of the International Criminal Court with the negotiated English text. The Conditions of service and compensation of judges remain applicable unless the Assembly decides otherwise. The Secretariat was requested to reissue the conditions in the preparation of the report of the Assembly (see part III.A of the present report).

(b) Staff regulations of the International Criminal Court

56. The Assembly, through its Working Group, considered the draft staff regulations of the International Criminal Court prepared by the Court (ICC-ASP/2/6). At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly, in accordance with article 44 of the Rome Statute, approved, by consensus, resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.2, to which the staff regulations are annexed (see part III.B of the present report).

(c) Strengthening the International Criminal Court and the Assembly of States Parties

57. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly adopted, by consensus, resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.7 on strengthening the International Criminal Court and the Assembly of States Parties as orally amended (see part IV of the present report). The Assembly also decided to annex the statement made by the representative of the host country at the 1st meeting of the Assembly, on 8 September 2003, to its report (see annex VI to the present report).

(d) Status of contributions to the budget of the International Criminal Court for the first financial period and the second financial year

58. At the 4th meeting, on 11 September 2003, the President of the Assembly renewed his appeal to States Parties which had not yet done so to make their assessed contributions to the budget for the first financial period as soon as possible. The President also appealed to all States Parties to pay their assessed contribution for 2004 on time (see also para. 9 of resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.7 in part IV of the present report).

(e) Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court

59. At the 4th meeting, on 11 September 2003, the President appealed to States that had not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court so as to facilitate its early entry into force (see also para. 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.7 in part IV of the present report).

(f) Trust fund for the participation of least developed countries

60. The Assembly of States Parties noted with satisfaction that, during the second session, a total of 21 delegates had made use of the trust fund, whose mandate, pursuant to paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 57/23, had been expanded to meet the costs of participation of the least developed countries in the work of the Assembly. Those delegates were provided with airline tickets. The International Human Rights Law Institute, of De Paul University (United States of America), provided accommodation and per diem to 22 delegates from the least developed countries that attended the second session.

61. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly adopted, by consensus, resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.6, establishing a trust fund for the participation of least developed countries in the activities of the Assembly (see part IV of the present report).

(g) Recognition of the coordinating and facilitating role of the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court

62. At its 4th meeting, on 11 September 2003, the Assembly adopted resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.8 on the recognition of the coordinating and facilitating role of the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court (see part IV of the present report). The representative of Fiji made a statement in explanation of position before taking action on the resolution.

14. Role of the United Nations in the establishment of the International Criminal Court

63. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly adopted, by consensus, resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.9, acknowledging the important role played by the United Nations in the establishment of the International Criminal Court (see part IV of the present report).

15. Next meeting of the Assembly of States Parties, including the dates and venue

64. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly decided to convene its third session in The Hague from 6 to 10 September 2004 (see also para. 19 of resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.7 in part IV of the present report).

16. Next meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance, including the dates and venue

65. At its 5th meeting, on 12 September 2003, the Assembly also decided that the Committee on Budget and Finance would meet in The Hague from 29 to 31 March 2004 and from 2 to 6 August 2004 (see also para. 19 of resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.7 in part IV of the present report).

