

SIXTH RESUMED SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

DAILY SUMMARY

Thursday, 5 June 2008

I. ICC PROSECUTOR'S REPORT TO UNSC

ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo presented his seventh report on Darfur to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) today. In his statement to the Council, Moreno-Ocampo said he will publicly present a second Darfur case to ICC judges in July that will focus on the involvement of the state apparatus in the commission of atrocities. He stressed the non-compliance of the government of Sudan with UN Resolution 1593 one year after the first arrest warrants were issued by the ICC for Ahmed Harun and Ali Kushayb. "I report today that the Government of Sudan is not cooperating with the Court... it does not recognize the jurisdiction of the Court that this (emphasis) Council granted." The Prosecutor also spoke of "the whole state apparatus" as being behind the "criminal system at work" in Darfur. The Prosecutor concluded his presentation by requesting the Council to act in a "decisive" way and issue a statement requesting full cooperation of the Sudanese with the Court.

Following the Prosecutor's report, each of the Security Council countries made statements.

To view the press release, see www.icc-cpi.int/press/pressreleases/375.html

To view the Prosecutor's report, see <http://www.iccnw.org/documents/7thUNSCversionsenttoUN29may.pdf>

II. UN SECRETARY-GENERAL STATEMENT

Following the ICC Prosecutor's presentation to the UN Security Council, the Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, issued a statement indicating the Secretary-General's "deep concern about the reported lack of cooperation of the Government of Sudan with the Prosecutor" and his conviction that there is no sustainable peace without justice: "Peace and justice go hand in hand. Impunity for the serious crimes committed in Darfur cannot be accepted."

To view the press release, see <http://www.un.org/apps/sg/sgstats.asp?nid=3209>

III. REVIEW CONFERENCE

The Working Group on the Review Conference met today to discuss the venue for the 2010 Conference among other related considerations. In particular, the discussions focused on Uganda's proposal to serve as host state. Ugandan Attorney General and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Dr. Khiddu Makubuya presented a statement addressing a number of legal, financial and logistical issues. The Chairman of the Working Group, Rolf Fife of Norway, presented a report on the group's Ugandan site visit. Later in the morning, the Argentinean delegation offered a proposal for hosting the conference in Buenos Aires. The proposals were discussed in the afternoon session as was the procedure for moving forward with a timely decision.

IV. BUDGET

The Working Group on Budget met to discuss the adoption of a resolution allowing the transfer of funds from Major Programme IV (the ASP Secretariat) to Major Programme I (Judiciary) in order to cover the disability pension of a judge.

V. OVERSIGHT MECHANISM

Ambassador Andreas Mavroyiannis of Cyprus, New York Working Group facilitator on an independent oversight mechanism, held informal consultations on his non paper. Consultations will continue with the Court and in New York with governments.