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Draft resolution regarding the permanent secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties

The Assembly of States Parties,

Bearing in mind article 112 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court,

Taking note of rule 37 and other relevant provisions of its Rules of Procedure in which specific functions are assigned to its secretariat,

Noting that the necessary arrangements are being made to ensure the provision of secretariat services to the Assembly on a provisional basis,

Desiring to ensure that adequate secretariat services are provided to the Assembly on a permanent basis upon the conclusion of a provisional period,

1. *Requests* the Bureau, with the required assistance, to study the question of the permanent secretariat of the Assembly and to submit related proposals, including an assessment of the budgetary implications for the 2004 budget, to the Assembly so that it may take a decision thereon at its regular session in the second half of 2003;

2. *Also requests* the Bureau to examine in that regard the modalities for the progressive replacement of the provisional secretariat by the permanent secretariat in an efficient and expeditious manner, in consultation with the Secretariat of the United Nations.