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Draft decision of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Commission recommends that the Assembly of States Parties adopt the following decision:

"The Assembly of States Parties,

"Bearing in mind paragraphs 2 (b) and (d) and 4 of article 112 of the Statute,

"Desiring to provide an appropriate mechanism for the budgetary and financial review and monitoring of the resources of the International Criminal Court, including those of the Assembly,

"Decides to establish a Committee on Budget and Finance in accordance with the terms of reference set out in the annex to this decision.

Annex

The Assembly of States Parties establishes, in accordance with this decision, a Committee on Budget and Finance composed of [12] [15] members.

The Assembly shall appoint the members of the Committee on Budget and Finance, of whom not more than one shall be of the same nationality, on the basis of a broad geographical distribution and their personal ability and experience. The members of the Committee shall carry out their duties for three natural years and may be reappointed. Of the [12] [15] members who are initially appointed, [4] [5] shall be appointed for a period of one year, [4] [5] for a period of two years and the remaining [4] [5] for a period of three years.

The Committee on Budget and Finance shall be responsible for the technical examination of any proposal to the Assembly which contains financial or budgetary implications. In particular, it shall review the draft budget of the Court, prepared by the Secretariat under the authority of the President of the Court, and shall make the relevant recommendations to the Assembly concerning the draft budget. It shall also consider reports of the Auditor concerning the Court's financial operations and shall transmit them to the Assembly together with any comments which it may deem necessary."