



MLA Diplomatic Conference
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Draft organization of work of the Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the creation of a Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of the Crime of Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, War Crimes and other International Crimes

1. The task of the Conference is to finalize and adopt a Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of the Crime of Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, War Crimes and other International Crimes. The Conference should move promptly to the consideration of substantive matters after a short session on organizational matters.
2. After the opening of the Conference by the Secretary-General, the Conference will meet to elect the President and Vice-Presidents. One of the Vice-Presidents shall be elected as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee and one of the Vice-Presidents shall be elected as Chairperson of the Credentials Committee. At the same meeting, the Conference will further adopt the agenda and the Rules of Procedure, and elect the members of the Credentials Committee.
3. The Bureau will meet immediately following the election of its members. Its work will include, inter alia, assisting the President in the general conduct of business and making recommendations with respect to officers to be elected.
4. The plenary, on the recommendations of the Bureau, will elect any officers it deems necessary and adopt the programme of work of the Conference.
5. The plenary will then proceed to hear statements from Supporting States in accordance with an established list of speakers prepared on a first-come-first-served basis, followed first by Observer States and then by other Observers, also on a first-come-first-served basis. The list of speakers will be opened for inscription on the first day of the Conference.
6. With a view to the efficient and expeditious discharge of the work of the plenary, a time limit may be established for statements by Supporting States on the one hand and Observers on the other. In principle, Supporting States should be given more time than Observers.
7. The Credentials Committee will meet sometime during the first week of the Conference. One meeting has been allotted for that purpose.
8. After adopting a Convention in the three official languages of the Conference, the Conference shall consider adopting a resolution calling for the swift preparation of authentic Arabic, Chinese and Russian texts before the Convention is opened for signature at a later occasion.
9. The last day of the Conference is reserved for the closure of the Conference.