

Statement of qualifications

Detailed document submitted pursuant to article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6 of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the international Criminal Court.

On a proposal from the Nomination and Appointments Committee of the High Council for Justice, which proposes candidates for senior posts in the Belgian judiciary and is also responsible for recommending Belgian candidates for judicial appointments at the International Criminal Court, the Belgian Government has decided to nominate Ms. Christine Van den Wyngaert, currently judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, as candidate for the post of judge at the International Criminal Court in the election scheduled to be held during the first resumption of the seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties from 19 to 23 January 2009 in New York.

Pursuant to article 36, paragraph 3 (b) (i) and paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Ms. Van den Wyngaert's candidacy is presented as a list A nomination.

As can be seen from her curriculum vitae appended hereto, and in addition to her legal qualifications and her internationally recognized academic skills in criminal law, Ms. Van den Wyngaert has had a unique career path, marked by an accumulation of experience as an international judge, from the International Court of Justice – as judge ad hoc – to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia – as judge ad litem since 2003, then as permanent judge since 2005.

As holder of numerous academic awards, Ms. Van den Wyngaert also had occasion to serve many times in a consultancy capacity to both governmental and non-governmental organizations, in fields ranging from human rights issues to terrorism and measures to combat fraud.

Ms. Van den Wyngaert has perfect command of French and English, in addition to her native Dutch. Her academic practice of these languages, as well as the numerous books and articles written and published by her in those languages, demonstrate her thorough knowledge of the Court's two working languages.

Ms. Van den Wyngaert is of Belgian nationality.
