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## **Search Committee for the position of ICC Prosecutor: Statement by the President of the Assembly, Ambassador Christian Wenaweser**

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I wish to express my gratitude to the members of the Search Committee for a Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court for the dedicated and professional work that they have been carrying out on behalf of the Bureau since its establishment earlier this year. I am greatly encouraged by the fact that States, civil society and academia have been cooperating with the Search Committee, which is mandated to elaborate a shortlist of at least three candidates for a decision to be taken by States Parties.



The mandate of the Search Committee is technical in nature and an expression of the willingness of States Parties to conduct a thorough and ultimately consensual process, without prejudice to the role of States Parties under the Rome Statute. I am confident that this mechanism will yield results of the highest quality and thus enable States Parties to find a consensual agreement on the next Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Rome Statute and the relevant decisions of the Assembly of States Parties. In particular, I welcome the fact that States have shown their respect for this process by refraining from submitting formal nominations and from formal campaign activities and have much rather engaged directly with the Search Committee and communicated expressions of interest directly to the members of Committee.

I call on all those who take an interest in this decision of the highest importance to continue their constructive engagement with the Committee, which will continue to accept submissions and expressions of interest until 9 September 2011.

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Interested candidates or those wishing to recommend the names of qualified individuals are requested to contact the Search Committee through the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties:

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