

Note verbale

The Permanent Representation of Belgium to the international organizations in The Hague presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute and has the honour to inform it that the Belgian Government has decided to nominate Ms. Christine Van den Wyngaert as a candidate for the post of judge at the International Criminal Court, at elections to be held during the resumed seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties in New York from 19 to 23 January 2009.

Pursuant to the provisions of article 36, paragraph 3 (b) (i) and paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute, it is Belgium's wish that Ms. Christine Van den Wyngaert should be a candidate on list A.

As can be seen from her curriculum vitae, annexed hereto, quite apart from her legal training and her internationally acclaimed academic distinction in criminal law, Ms. Christine Van den Wyngaert's career is unique in terms of her international judicial experience, which extends from the International Court of Justice as a judge ad hoc, to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia as a judge *ad litem* from 2003, and as a permanent judge since 2005.

Ms. Christine Van den Wyngaert holds numerous academic distinctions and has served repeatedly as an expert to governmental and non-governmental organizations in a range of fields extending from human rights through anti-fraud to terrorism. This complementarity of experience and approaches in international law is testimony to her mastery of the legal sphere in all its complexities.

Ms. Van den Wyngaert has a perfect command of the French and English languages, as well as Dutch, her mother tongue. Her use of French and English in her academic work and the number of works and articles she has edited and published in these languages are proof of her in-depth knowledge of the two working languages of the Court.