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**Election of the judges of the International Criminal Court:  
guide for the sixth election****Note by the Secretariat**

1. The present note has been prepared pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6 of 10 September 2004 concerning the procedure for the nomination and election of the judges for the International Criminal Court. In paragraph 25 of the resolution, the President of the Assembly of States Parties is requested to distribute to all States Parties copies of the instructions and samples of the ballot papers before the day of the election.
2. The Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties, has prepared the voting requirements and a sample ballot paper for the purposes of the sixth election of the judges for the International Criminal Court.
3. The voting requirements (with sample ballot paper), as spelled out in the annex to the present note, apply to the first ballot only. In the event that fewer than the required number of judges are elected after the first ballot, the voting requirements will be adjusted and a new ballot paper will be prepared, in accordance with the requirements of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, depending upon the outcome of the first ballot or the immediately preceding ballot.

## Annex

### **First ballot: Election of 6 judges of the International Criminal Court**

#### **Voting requirements**

1. Please place an “X” in the box to the left of the names of the candidates for whom you wish to vote. Only those candidates whose names appear on the ballot are eligible.
2. Vote for a maximum of 6 candidates. Ballots containing votes for more than 6 candidates will be declared invalid.
3. Vote for at least 1 candidate from List A and at least 1 candidate from List B. Ballots containing votes for less than 1 candidate from List A and less than 1 candidate from B will be declared invalid.
4. Vote for at least 1 candidate from the Group of African States, at least 1 candidate from the Group of Asia-Pacific States, and at least 1 candidate from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States. Ballots that do not satisfy these regional minimum voting requirements will be declared invalid.
5. Vote for at least 5 female candidates. Ballots that do not satisfy this gender minimum voting requirement will be declared invalid.
6. If you fulfil all the minimum voting requirements in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above, using less than 6 votes, you may abstain in voting for the remaining candidates.
7. Please check the ballot to ensure that votes have been cast for:
  - (a) No more than 6 candidates;
  - (b) At least 1 candidate from List A and at least 1 candidate from List B;
  - (c) At least 1 candidate from the Group of African States, at least 1 candidate from the Group of Asia-Pacific States and at least 1 candidate from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and
  - (d) At least 5 female candidates.

## SAMPLE BALLOT PAPER

<b>VOTE FOR A MAXIMUM OF 6 CANDIDATES</b>			
VOTE FOR AT LEAST 1 <b>LIST A</b> CANDIDATE, 1 <b>LIST B</b> CANDIDATE AND 5 <b>FEMALE</b> CANDIDATES			
<b>LIST A</b>		<b>LIST B</b>	
<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>
<b>AFRICA</b> VOTE FOR AT LEAST 1 CANDIDATE	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Solomy Balungi BOSSA (Uganda) <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Nthomeng Justina MAJARA (Lesotho) <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Henrietta MENSA-BONSU (Ghana)		<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Reine ALAPINI-GANSOU (Benin)
<b>ASIA-PACIFIC</b> VOTE FOR AT LEAST 1 CANDIDATE	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Chagdaa KHOSBAYAR (Mongolia)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Tomoko AKANE (Japan)	
<b>EASTERN EUROPE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Dragomir VUKOJE (Bosnia and Herzegovina)		<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Zlata UR EVI (Croatia)
<b>LATIN AMERICA/ CARIBBEAN</b> VOTE FOR AT LEAST 1 CANDIDATE		<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Luz del Carmen IBAÑEZ CARRANZA (Peru)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Ariela PERALTA DISTEFANO (Uruguay)
<b>WESTERN EUROPE AND OTHER</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Rosario Salvatore AITALA (Italy)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Kimberly PROST (Canada)	