

## **Iida, Shinichi (Japan)**

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### **Note verbale**

The Embassy of Japan in the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and, with reference to the Secretariat's note ICC-ASP/7/S/20, has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Japan has decided to nominate Mr. Shinichi Iida as a candidate for membership in the Committee on Budget and Finance for the term 2009-2012 at the elections to be held during the resumed seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties in January 2009.

Mr. Iida has extensive experience and recognized standing in financial matters at both the national and international level. He currently holds the position of Principal Deputy Director of the Financial Affairs Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he has overall responsibility for budgeting, auditing and accounting of the Ministry. Mr. Iida's duties include overseeing budgetary management of various international organizations, which has provided him with a thorough and detailed knowledge of the budget processes of such organizations. Mr. Iida also recently served as Japan's representative to the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, where he demonstrated expertise and leadership in the international negotiations on the scale of assessments, the peacekeeping operation budget and management reform, amongst other areas.

Such experience and expertise, as outlined in Mr. Iida's curriculum vitae attached herewith, attest to his fulfilment of the requirement, set forth in paragraph 2 of the annex to the resolution establishing the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.4), that members of the Committee be experts of recognized standing and have experience in financial matters at the international level.

Japan has consistently supported the activities of the International Criminal Court since its establishment and, having formally become a State Party to the Rome Statute on 1 October 2007 and being consistently the largest contributor to the Court's budget, intends to remain a strong supporter of the Court. The decision of the Government of Japan to present the candidature of Mr. Iida for election to the Committee on Budget and Finance reflects its firm commitment to continue exerting its utmost efforts to facilitate the activities of the Court. The Government of Japan is fully confident that the candidate possesses the necessary experience, expertise and knowledge in financial and budgetary affairs, as well as recognized standing at the international level, to make a strong contribution to the important work of the Committee.