

Arboleda Ripoll, Fernando Enrique (Colombia)

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Note verbale

The Embassy of Colombia in The Hague presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties, and, with reference to notes ICC-ASP/7/S/19 of 15 April, 2008, ICC-ASP/7/S/44 of 14 October 2008, ICC-ASP/7/S/66 of 28 October 2008 and ICC-ASP/7/S/73 of 11 November 2008, has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the Government of Colombia has decided to nominate Mr. Fernando Enrique Arboleda Ripoll, currently Associated Justice of the Supreme Court of Colombia, as a candidate for the post of judge at the International Criminal Court, at elections to be held during the first resumption of seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties in New York from 19 to 23 January 2009.

The nomination is in accordance with the terms of article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (ii), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Pursuant to the provisions of article 36, paragraph 3 (b) (i) and paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute, Mr. Arboleda Ripoll is being nominated for inclusion in list A.

As indicated in his curriculum vitae, Mr. Arboleda Ripoll possesses the qualities required under those provisions. He is highly qualified in criminal law and procedure, and has relevant experience as judge and advocate in criminal proceedings.

During the last 20 years, Mr. Arboleda Ripoll has worked as a Magistrate Assistant at the Supreme Court of Justice of Colombia; Judge of the Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice; and currently as Associated Justice for the same Court.

Apart from his extensive experience as a judge, Mr. Arboleda Ripoll is a recognized expert in criminal law and procedure. He graduated from Salamanca University, Spain, as specialist in criminal law, including international criminal law.

He also has significant experience in human rights. In this context, he was advisor for the Vice-Presidency of Colombia and the European Union in the project "Fight against impunity in cases of violations of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law".

Mr. Arboleda Ripoll has a perfect command of the English language as well as Spanish, his mother tongue.

The statement prepared in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the curriculum vitae of Justice Arboleda Ripoll are attached to this note.

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