

Statement of qualifications

Statement submitted in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4, of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6).

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 the seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties in New York from 19 to 23 January 2009.

Mr. Arboleda Ripoll is being nominated for inclusion in list A. He has established competence in criminal law and procedure, and the necessary relevant experience as judge and advocate in criminal proceedings (article 36, paragraph 3 (b) (i) and paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute).

He is a person of high moral standards, impartiality and integrity who possesses all the requirements of experience and seniority for appointment to the highest judicial offices, as stated in article 36, paragraph 3 (a), of the Rome Statute.

Mr. Arboleda Ripoll, whose curriculum vitae is attached in English, has relevant experience in criminal law and procedure. During the last 20 years, he has worked as Magistrate Assistant at the Supreme Court of Justice of Colombia; Judge of the Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice; and currently he is Associated Justice for the same Court. He was also a candidate of Colombia for the position of Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. In his extensive career as a judge, Mr. Arboleda Ripoll heard numerous complex criminal cases.

He also has significant experience in human rights and international humanitarian law. In this context, he had occasion to serve many times in a consultancy capacity to governmental organizations. 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".

He is a criminal law specialist, graduated from the Salamanca University, Spain. He has been a distinguished professor in criminal law, criminology and procedure at various recognized universities in Colombia.

Mr. Arboleda Ripoll has extensive legal academic knowledge on a wide range of specific issues relevant to the work of the Court, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Criminal law;
- Procedural law;
- Rules of Procedure and Evidence;
- International law;
- Human rights; and
- International humanitarian law.

Mr. Arboleda Ripoll is fluent in English and his mother tongue is Spanish (article 36, paragraph 3 (c)).

Mr. Arboleda Ripoll is a national of Colombia and does not possess the nationality of any other State.

Colombia is a member of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries.
