

## **N’GUM, Aminatta Lois Runeni (Gambia)**

### **Note Verbale**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of The Gambia to the United Nations 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/19, dated 15 April 2008, has the honour to inform that the Government of The Gambia has decided to nominate Mrs. Aminatta Lois Runeni N’gum, for election as a Judge of the International Criminal Court, at elections to be held during the resumed seventh session of the Assembly of State Parties in New York from 19 to 23 January 2009.

The nomination has been made in accordance with Article 36, paragraph 4(a)(ii) of the Rome Statute. Although Mrs. Aminatta Lois Runeni N’gum is a Zimbabwean national by birth, she was granted a Gambian Diplomatic Passport in 1998 when she was Judicial Secretary in The Gambian Judiciary. She is married to a Gambian national who has diplomatic status and she has been authorised to retain the Gambian diplomatic passport. In addition the UN Secretary General has authorised Mrs. N’gum’s place of home leave to be The Gambia.

The nomination of Mrs. Aminatta Lois Runeni N’gum is submitted as a list B candidate in accordance with Article 36, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute.

Mrs. Aminatta Lois Runeni N’gum is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity, and possesses a vast experience as an international as well as a national civil servant. She is a qualified lawyer from a common law legal system with 29 years post call work experience during which period Mrs. N’gum served in the Gambian Judiciary as Judicial Secretary [1998 to 1999], Master of the Supreme Court [1990 to 1994] and a Magistrate [1980 to 1990]. In addition Mrs. N’gum practised as a Private Legal Practitioner [1994 to 1998] during which period she also served as Senior Counsel to the Commission of Inquiry into Land Administration set up by the Gambia Government.

Mrs. N’gum’s international civil service work experience [1999 to date] as a Legal Officer of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda where she has served as Deputy Chief and at times Officer-in Charge of the Court Management Section [1999 to 2001], Head of the ICTR Appeals Chamber Support and Registry Unit in The Hague [2001 to 2003], Deputy Chief and Officer in Charge of the Defence Counsel and Detention Management Section [2003 to 2006] and [2006 to date] as a Legal Officer of the Court Management Section. Additionally, Mrs. N’gum obtained an LL.M in Public International Law with an International Criminal Law Specialisation from Leiden University in 2005. Consequently, she has acquired competence, in-depth knowledge and wide experience in relevant areas of international law pertinent to the judicial work of the court, such as international criminal law, international humanitarian law, human rights law and law pertaining to violence against women and children.

Additionally, Mrs. Aminatta Lois Runeni N’gum meets both of the requirements specified in Article 36, paragraph 3(b)(i) and paragraph 3(b)(ii) of the Rome Statute.

The Government of The Gambia is convinced that Mrs. Aminatta Lois Runeni N’gum is suitably qualified and would make a valuable contribution to the Court. The statement of qualifications prepared in accordance with Article 36, paragraph 4(a) of the Rome Statute and the curriculum vitae of Mrs. Aminatta Lois Runeni N’gum are attached to this Note Verbale.

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