

## **Chibesakunda, Lombe P. (Zambia)**

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### **Note verbale**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zambia presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of the States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to inform the latter that Zambia has decided to present the candidature of Madame Justice Lombe P. Chibesakunda for the position of judge of the International Criminal Court. Justice Chibesakunda is a list A candidate, in accordance with article 36, paragraph 3 (b) (i) and paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Elections will be held during the first resumption of the seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties, from 19 to 23 January 2009, in New York.

Justice Chibesakunda, currently a Supreme Court Judge, is a well established and experienced judge and is well versed in criminal litigation. She is also well acquainted with international human rights law, with an emphasis on appellate and final pronouncements. During her career span of nearly four decades, she has scored many achievements, including that of being the first woman lawyer in Zambia, as well as the first Solicitor General in Zambia and Africa. Justice Chibesakunda's curriculum vitae is attached hereto.

The Zambian Government regards Justice Chibesakunda to be a suitably qualified candidate for the position of judge and is confident that her presence in the International Criminal Court will present an opportunity for her to contribute effectively towards the upholding of judicial tenets. Her nomination further demonstrates the importance Zambia attaches to the promotion of international law.