

Note verbale

The Embassy of Canada to the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties and has the honour to refer to the decision of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties, taken at its second meeting on 9 March 2015, regarding the election of members of the Advisory Committee on Nominations, which will take place at the fourteenth session of the Assembly.

The Government of Canada has the honour to nominate Justice Philippe Kirsch, Q.C. for re-election to the Advisory Committee on Nominations. Justice Kirsch was elected to the Advisory Committee at the eleventh session of the Assembly, has served one three-year term, and is eligible for re-election. Justice Kirsch served as a judge of the International Criminal Court from 2003 to 2009 and was the Court's first President. Prior to serving as a judge of the International Criminal Court, Justice Kirsch served as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole of the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court (the Rome Conference), and also as Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court. Justice Kirsch's curriculum vitae is enclosed.

Justice Kirsch fulfils the requirements of article 36, paragraphs a), b), and c) of the Rome Statute. He is a member of the bar of the Province of Quebec and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1988. He is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and possesses the qualifications required for appointment to the highest judicial office in Canada. Justice Kirsch is one of the foremost authorities on international criminal law and public international law, and has extensive experience with the International Criminal Court. Justice Kirsch is fluent in both French and English.

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