

**Statement of qualifications**

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia decided to nominate Prof Dr Ernest Petrič for re-election as candidate for a member of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of judges of the International Criminal Court.

Prof Dr Ernest Petrič currently holds the post of the judge at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia which he also presided in the past. During his career, he has collected invaluable experience and achievements in the legal, diplomatic and academic spheres.

His diplomatic career includes the post of Ambassador of the former SFRY to India at a time when the former Yugoslavia was chairing the Non-Aligned Movement. He was also the first Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the United States. Later, he held the post of State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Representative to the UN in New York, Ambassador to Austria, and Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna (OSCE, UNIDO, ODC, CTBT, and IAEA).

His academic career includes professorships at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, and in Ethiopia. He has published over 100 articles on international law, international relations and related topics. He recently published his sixth book entitled "Foreign Policy: The Basis of Theory and Practice" which, like his previous books, shows the wealth of his experience and professional achievements in diplomacy, international law and the academic sphere.

Dr Petrič is a member of the International Law Commission for the second term. During the first term, he was elected Chairman and Rapporteur. His competence in international law has been recognized by his peers repeatedly in both domestic and international fora.

Dr Petrič is a person of highest integrity and professionalism, and his personal commitment to effective work of the International Criminal Court would guide him in his deliberations and evaluations regarding candidates for the post of ICC judge, should he be elected.