

**Note verbale**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Integration –Undersecretariat for Supra-regional International Bodies – 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 notes ICC-ASP/10/S/CBF/05 of 7 February 2011 and ICC-ASP/10/S/CBF/58 of 5 September 2011, and to resolution ICC-ASP/10/S/CBF/Res.5, has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the Ecuadorean government has decided to nominate First Secretary Mónica Sánchez Izquierdo as a member of the Committee on Budget and Finance for the period 2012 to 2015, with a view to the elections to be held during the tenth session of the Assembly from 12 to 21 December 2011 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

This nomination is consistent with the intent of the Ecuadorean government to contribute to the sound conduct and consolidation of the budgetary procedures of the International Criminal Court, and to ensure that resources are managed efficiently and transparently, thereby assisting the Court in fulfilling and executing its mandate effectively.

Ecuador thus demonstrates its commitment to the work of the International Criminal Court and to the need to strengthen its procedures in implementing the Rome Statute.

In this context, and in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.4 and paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, the Ecuadorean Embassy emphasizes the wide-ranging, many-faceted experience of the candidate, in particular in financial and budgetary matters; in this regard, and particularly as concerns the scale of assessments and the budget, Ecuador has consistently maintained transparency and upheld the highest standards of administration, control and efficiency in the use of resources. Ecuador is certain that the candidate has the requisite experience, as set out in the curriculum vitae that is appended to this note, and that the international recognition and standing of her work will assist the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute in carrying out their functions successfully.

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