

Sugiura, Masatoshi (Japan)

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Note verbale

The Embassy of Japan in the Kingdom of the Netherlands 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/10/S/CBF/05, has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Japan has decided to nominate Mr. Masatoshi Sugiura as a candidate for membership in the Committee on Budget and Finance for the term 2012-2015 at the elections to be held during the tenth session of the Assembly of States Parties in December 2011.

Mr. Sugiura, who has been a member of the Committee of Budget and Finance of the International Criminal Court since April 2011, has extensive experience and recognized standing in financial matters at both the international and national levels. He is currently Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and serves as Japan's representative to the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, where he has demonstrated expertise and leadership in the international negotiations on the scale of assessments, the United Nations regular budget and budgets for peacekeeping operations, oversight, human resources management and other related issues. From August 2006 to September 2008, Mr. Sugiura held the position of the Principal Deputy Director of the Global Issues Cooperation Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he had a responsibility for overseeing Japan's relations with and contributions to the United Nations Funds and Programmes and other international organizations. From August 2000 to January 2002, Mr. Sugiura had a position of Deputy Director of the Financial Affairs Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His duties included supervising budgeting, auditing and accounting operations of the Ministry, which has provided him with fundamental knowledge of the budget process of such organizations.

Such experience and expertise, as outlined in Mr. Sugiura's curriculum vitae attached herewith, attest to his fulfillment of the requirement, set forth in paragraph 2 of the annex to the resolution establishing the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.4), that members of the Committee be experts of recognized standing and experience in financial matters at the international level.

Japan has consistently supported the activities of the International Criminal Court since its establishment, and having formally become a State Party to the Rome Statute on 1 October 2007 and consistently being the largest contributor to the Court's budget, intends to remain a strong supporter of the Court. The decision of the Government of Japan to present the candidature of Mr. Sugiura for election to the Committee on Budget and Finance reflects its firm commitment to continue exerting its utmost efforts to facilitate the activities of the Court. The Government of Japan is fully confident that the candidate possesses the necessary experience, expertise and knowledge in financial and budgetary affairs, as well as recognized standing at the international level, to make a strong contribution to the important work of the Committee.