Note verbale

The Embassy of France presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties and, with reference to note ICC-ASP/12/S/009, has the honour to inform it that the Government of the French Republic has decided to put forward the candidacy of Mr. Gilles Finkelstein, currently Principal Adviser to the Aquitaine-Poitou-Charentes Regional Chamber of Accounts, for re-election as member of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) of the International Criminal Court, at the elections to be held in The Hague during the twelfth session of the Assembly of States Parties, from 20 to 28 November 2013.

As this delegation indicated to the Court in 2007 and 2010, at the time of the candidate's presentation for a first and second term, the nomination of Mr. Finkelstein has been selected in accordance with section A of the resolution that sets out the procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

As indicated in his curriculum vitae, which is appended to this Note verbale, Mr. Gilles Finkelstein fulfils the requirements set out in paragraph 2 of the annex to the resolution on the establishment of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

Appointed to the Aquitaine-Poitou-Charentes Regional Chamber of Accounts in 1999, Mr. Finkelstein also served as principal customs inspector, senior adviser and rapporteur to the National Public Service Ethics Commission, deputy public prosecutor at the district courts (Tribunal de grande instance) of Poitiers and Tours, and later Principal Adviser to the Aquitaine-Poitou-Charentes Regional Chamber of Accounts. Mr. Finkelstein therefore possesses all the qualifications and experience required by the resolutions of the Assembly of States Parties in the area of finance, accounting and management and he has experience of criminal proceedings.

During a third term in office Mr. Finkelstein will, in particular, be able to draw in full on the experience he has acquired in the last five years working as a member of the Committee on Budget and Finance of the International Criminal Court and in particular as Chairperson of the Committee since April 2012.

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