

Kozaki, Hitoshi (Japan)

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Note verbale

The Embassy of Japan in 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/13/SP/07, has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Japan has decided to nominate **Mr. Hitoshi Kozaki** as a candidate for membership in the Committee on Budget and Finance for the term 2015-2018 at the elections to be held during the thirteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties in December 2014.

Mr. Kozaki, who is currently the First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Iraq and a member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, has extensive experience and recognized standing in financial matters at the international and intergovernmental levels. From August 2003 through October 2007, he served 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 United Nations management reform, regular budgets and budgets for peacekeeping operations, oversight, human resources management and other related issues. Subsequently he joined the United Nations Department of Field Support (DFS) as a Senior Programme Management Officer till February 2011 to coordinate interdepartmental and intergovernmental processes within the Office of the Under Secretary-General for DFS, and to formulate and coordinate budgets of the United Nations Peacekeeping and Special Political Missions in the Field Budget and Financing Division of that Department. In 2012, he was selected as a member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on behalf of the United Nations General Assembly, where he served as Rapporteur of the Board in 2012 and a member of the Budget Working Group in 2013.

Such experience and expertise, as outlined in Mr. Kozaki'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. Kozaki 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.
