

## **Statement of qualifications**

This statement is submitted in accordance with the provisions of article 36, paragraph 4(a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6.

Justice Anthony Thomas Aquinas Carmona is the candidate of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court.

The candidate satisfies the provisions of article 36, paragraph 3(a), of the Rome Statute as an individual of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and possesses the qualifications for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Trinidad and Tobago.

Justice Carmona meets fully the requirements of article 36, paragraph 3(b), of the Rome Statute which provides that: “every candidate shall have established competence in criminal law and procedure, and the necessary relevant experience, whether as judge, prosecutor, advocate or in other similar capacity, in criminal proceedings.”

The candidate therefore fulfills the requirements relevant to election as a judge under List A pursuant to article 36, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute. The candidate’s experience and qualifications are based on his considerable experience, training and demonstrated competence in criminal law and criminal procedure both at the national and international levels for over 25 years. He is a judge of the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago and has served as Appeals Counsel (Office of the Prosecutor) at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR).

As Appeals Counsel at the ICTY and ICTR, he was involved in the successful prosecution and preparations of appeals on behalf of the Office of the Prosecutor concerning war criminals consisting of generals, camp commanders, soldiers and politicians convicted of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

He also served at the highest level of the criminal prosecution service of Trinidad and Tobago rising to the position of Acting Director of Public Prosecutions. At this level, he prosecuted in major and complex criminal cases which sometimes involved appeals to Trinidad and Tobago’s Highest Court of Appeal, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London.

Justice Carmona’s contribution to the development of criminal justice in Trinidad and Tobago was recognized when he was conferred with the status of Senior Counsel-(Silk).

The candidate has also been a representative of Trinidad and Tobago at several international conferences on crime prevention and criminal justice. He also represented Trinidad and Tobago at the Preparatory Committee on the establishment of an International Criminal Court.

As a judge of the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago and a former prosecutor, Justice Carmona presided over or prosecuted cases involving violence against women and children.

The candidate is also fluent in at least one of the working languages of the Court.