

Statement of qualifications

Statement specifying how the candidate fulfills the requirements of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

Judge Pavel Gontšarov fulfills the requirements of the Rome Statute:

- (a) For the purpose of article 36, paragraph 3 (a):

He is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity. After graduation he worked as prosecutor and as adviser to the State Prosecutor's Office. He has the qualifications required in Estonia for appointment to office of judge. An individual, in order to be qualified in Estonia as a judge, must meet the following minimum requirements: He or she must hold a scientific degree of Master-at-Law or equivalent; must be fluent in the Estonian language; must have a high moral character, also personal qualities and abilities to perform as a judge.

He was first appointed as judge in 2001. In this quality he worked also as chief judge of the Narva City Court and Viru County Court as from 2002. In 2011, he was appointed as judge for the Tallinn District Court (Court of Appeal). All nominations are decided by special commission, consisting of representatives of judges (elected by all judges), also the Ministry of Justice, the Bar, Prosecutor's Office, University of Tartu.

- (b) For the purpose of art 36, paragraph 3 (b):

Judge Pavel Gontšarov has established competence in criminal law and procedure, and the necessary relevant experience, as prosecutor and as judge, in criminal proceedings. Since 2004 Judge Gontšarov is ad hoc judge in the Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust. Since 2010 Judge Gontšarov is an ad hoc judge at European Court of Human Rights.

He has participated in several EU and OSCE/ODIHR projects as short-term expert and given lectures and presentations.

- (c) For the purpose of art 36, paragraph 3 (c):

Judge Pavel Gontšarov is fluent in English, Estonian and Russian (mother tongue).

- (d) For the purposes of art 36, paragraph 5:

Judge Gontšarov is nominated in list A.

- (e) For the purpose of art 36, paragraph 8 (a) (i) to (iii):

Estonia represents the continental legal system.

Estonia is in the Eastern European Group (EEG).

- (f) For the purpose of art 36, paragraph 7:

Judge Pavel Gontšarov is an Estonian national.
