Prost, Kimberly (Canada)

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Note verbale

The Embassy of Canada to 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 has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Canada, following the decision of the Canadian National Group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, has nominated Ms. Kimberly Prost for election as a judge of the Court in List A, for the years 2018 – 2027. The elections will take place during the sixteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties in December 2017 in New York.

Ms. Prost fully complies with the requirements of article 36, paragraph 3, and her exceptional qualifications and experience would make her a valuable contributor to the Court, and help advance the aims and values of the Rome Statute. Her nomination is also consistent with the commitment of Canada and other States Parties to gender balance at the Court.

Ms. Prost is well regarded as a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity. She has 35 years of international and domestic experience as a criminal law practitioner and advisor. Internationally, she has served as a judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, and as the first Ombudsperson for the United Nations Security Council Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee. She has also managed the Legal Advisory Section of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and led the Criminal Law Section for the Commonwealth Secretariat. Domestically, Ms. Prost has had a distinguished career at Canada’s Department of Justice, including serving as a prosecutor with the War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity section, and practising in the areas of extradition and mutual legal assistance. On several occasions, she appeared as counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada. She also participated in the negotiation of the Rome Statute and related Rules of Procedure and Evidence, as a member of Canada’s delegation. For further information on Ms. Prost’s extensive experience and knowledge, please find enclosed her curriculum vitae and statement of qualifications.

Ms. Prost is currently serving as Chef de Cabinet to the President of the International Criminal Court. She will carry out activities in support of her campaign during her personal time, and campaign travel will be funded and conducted separately from her work travel.