

Bello, Ishaq Usman (Federal Republic of Nigeria)

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Statement of qualifications

Statement submitted in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the Court (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended).

This is a statement submitted in support of the nomination of Justice Ishaq Usman Bello of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as a candidate for the election of judges of the International Criminal Court. Justice Ishaq Bello's nomination is prompted from the desire to bring his wealth of experience to bear by bringing necessary reform and dynamism into the working of the Court. With over 35 years of experience as a legal practitioner and currently Chief Judge of High Court, Justice Ishaq Usman Bello is well equipped to serve as judge of the International Criminal Court.

Justice Ishaq Usman Bello is a seasoned legal practitioner called to the Nigerian Bar in 1983. He has successfully been a Magistrate (of all grades), Legal adviser, Deputy Chief Registrar (Supreme Court of Nigeria), Judge (High Court, FCT) Acting Chief Judge, among others. He has served on several Bar/Bench Committee before his appointment as a member of the National Judicial Council of Nigeria. He has also held high-level positions, including Chairing Election Petition Tribunals, Chairing Presidential Committee on Prison Reforms and Decongestion (PCRD), among others. He is very familiar with the workings of the Court; having led numerous Nigerian delegations to various international fora. Justice Ishaq Bello has several publications to his credit, including papers presented towards advancing the judiciary. He is a member of several notable professional bodies.

Justice Ishaq Usman Bello is currently the Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) High Court of Justice in Abuja, Nigeria. As Chief Judge, one of his core responsibilities includes supervisory authority over the court's judicial and administrative functions. Justice Ishaq Bello is also responsible for the assignment of cases and in the process ensures that judicial work is equally distributed. His deep knowledge and practical experience of the Court, allied to his proven leadership skills, make him uniquely qualified as a judge of the International Criminal Court.

In affirming the confidence reposed in Justice Bello's competence and vast experience which will be of immense benefit to the International Criminal Court, the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is seeking for the support of the Governments of the States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court for the candidature of Justice Ishaq Usman Bello.
