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Executive summary of relevant experience

LL.M. University of Groningen, the Netherlands, 1987

Dutch (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (fair), German (fair)

More than 20 years of experience in functioning in a multilateral environment, mostly the United Nations, either as a representative of the Government of the Netherlands, or as a staff member of the UN or a UN related organization.

In particular: participation in the Ad Hoc Committee (1995), Preparatory Committee (1996-1998), Rome Conference (1998) and Preparatory Commission (1999-2000) on the Establishment of a Permanent International Criminal Court; member of the Extended Bureau and Chair of the working group on the definition of war crimes at the Rome Conference, 1998; and Chair of the Working Group on the Elements of Crimes at the Preparatory Commission, 1999-2000.

Over 11 years of experience in three different international or hybrid tribunals and courts: ICTY (2001-2006), SCSL (2006-2009) and STL (2009-present):

Over five years of experience as Senior Legal Officer in Trial Chamber II of the ICTY. Focus, among other things, on: legal advice, supervision of staff, coordination of (pre)trial activities and development of a completion strategy. As a result: thorough understanding of the functioning of Chambers and of the preconditions required to ensure the optimal functioning of Chambers.

Over six years of experience as a Deputy Registrar, Acting Registrar or Registrar at the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. Major achievements include:

- Elaboration and update of a completion strategy (SCSL);
- Elaboration of a number of (biannual) budgets, taking into consideration the need for downsizing (SCSL) or growth (STL);
- Elaboration and implementation of fundraising strategies, including fundraising for outreach and legacy projects;
- Setting up of separate offices away from Headquarters (SCSL: office in The Hague for Taylor trial; STL: office in Beirut) and implementation of effective coordination mechanisms;
- Establishment and maintenance of constructive relations with host states Sierra Leone, the Netherlands and Lebanon;
- Development and implementation of strong press and outreach policies, including elaboration of two websites;
- Development of legacy policies and projects (SCSL);
- Conclusion of a number of enforcement of sentences agreements with European countries and Rwanda (SCSL);
- Conclusion of a number of arrangements and agreements relating to the protection of witnesses;
- Construction of a courtroom (STL); and
- Development of a tribunal wide “paperless trial” system (STL).

Publication of various articles in the field of human rights, international criminal law, the functioning of international criminal courts and tribunals and the establishment of the ICC.
