



Mr. Sidiki Kaba
President of the Assembly of States Parties
to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

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Excellency,

I have the honour to address you in order to inform you of the steps which will be taken in relation to the position of Registrar of the International Criminal Court by the Presidency of the Court.

The current term of office of Registrar Herman von Hebel is due to expire on 16 April 2018. As you are aware, article 43, paragraph 4, of the Rome Statute (“Statute”) stipulates that the judges shall elect the Registrar by an absolute majority, taking into account any recommendation made by the Assembly of States Parties. The Assembly has already applied these provisions for past elections by issuing recommendations at its 1st, 6th and 11th sessions.¹

In order to commence the process leading up to the election of a Registrar, a vacancy announcement for the position of Registrar will be advertised by the Court in March 2017. For all matters related to the recruitment of the position, the Court’s Human Resources Section will answer directly to the Presidency, and not to the Registrar. As per usual practice, the vacancy announcement will reflect the criteria required under article 43 of the Statute, and summarize the functions and powers of the Registrar as set out in the Statute, the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and other complementary provisions of the Court’s legal framework.

¹ ICC-ASP/1/3/Add. 1, Official Records, Part II. A, ICC-ASP/1/Recommendation 1; ICC-ASP/6/20, Official Records, Part III.B, ICC-ASP/6/Recommendation 1; and ICC-ASP/11/20, Official Records, Part III.B, ICC-ASP/11/Rec.1, respectively.

The vacancy announcement will remain open for a period of three months. Upon expiration of the deadline for applications, the Human Resources Section, shall evaluate applications in order to identify those which meet the minimum requirements stipulated in the vacancy announcement.

The Presidency will prepare a shortlist of those candidates who best meet the competencies and skills stipulated in the vacancy announcement, in consultation with the judges of the Court.

This shortlist will be sent to you in autumn, together with a request for any recommendations of the Assembly during its sixteenth session in December 2017, pursuant to rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence. In order to facilitate the Assembly's work, you will be provided with the curricula vitae of the shortlisted candidates, together with executive summaries of their relevant experiences, as well as a statistical overview of gender and geographic representation. Any recommendations from the Assembly will be transmitted to a plenary session of the judges, who will then interview shortlisted candidates and conduct the election at a date to be determined in consultation with judges.

The judges of the Court look forward to working with the Assembly on this matter.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi

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