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Note verbale

The Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria to the Kingdom of The Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court and with reference to its Note ICC-ASP/14/S/125 of 16 December 2015, has the honour to communicate that the Republic of Bulgaria has decided to nominate Prof. Dr. Ekaterina Trendafilova, to be elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of victims pursuant to the decision taken on 15 December 2015 by the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties.

The Republic of Bulgaria as a staunch and long standing supporter of the International Criminal Court attaches great importance to the quality and efficiency of its work, which is a key component in the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes committed. Reparation to victims of such crimes has become a touchstone in the international criminal justice.

Bulgaria's decision to nominate an eminent lawyer and former ICC judge for election as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of victims is part of its commitment to the effective and efficient work of the Court. Apart from her in-depth knowledge of the International Criminal Court, Judge Trendafilova is a person of the highest moral character, integrity and impartiality.

The curriculum vitae and statement of qualifications of Prof. Dr. Trendafilova are attached to the present note.

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