

Statement of qualifications

Statement submitted in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4, 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 International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6).

The Government of Italy has decided to nominate Mr. Cuno Tarfusser, a senior Italian prosecutor who currently holds the post of Chief Prosecutor in Bolzano, for a post of judge at the International Criminal Court in the elections to be held during the first resumption of the seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties in New York, from 19 to 23 January 2009.

Mr. Tarfusser's curriculum vitae in English is attached hereto.

Mr. Tarfusser is being nominated for inclusion in list A, which is comprised of candidates with “established competence in criminal law and procedure, and the necessary relevant experience, whether as judge, prosecutor, advocate or in other similar capacity, in criminal proceedings” (article 36, paragraph 3 (b) (i) and paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute).

Mr. Cuno Tarfusser fulfils all the conditions of experience and seniority required for appointment to the highest judicial offices, as stated in article 36, paragraph 3 (a), of the Rome Statute.

Mr. Tarfusser’s career has been devoted to criminal law and procedure.

In more than twenty years of judicial activity, Mr. Tarfusser has acted as Deputy Prosecutor and, since 2001, as Chief Prosecutor in Bolzano. He has wide experience in prosecuting several types of crimes. He prosecuted crimes against individuals, child abuse and sexual crimes committed against women and children. He also prosecuted crimes connected with drug trafficking, illegal possession of weapons, explosives and small arms, and terrorist activities. In his tenure as Prosecutor in Bolzano, he also focused on the management of judicial structures and all organizational aspects of jurisdictional activities. In the accomplishment of his duties in the Office of the Prosecutor, as Deputy Prosecutor and as Chief Prosecutor, he acquired a vast experience in international judicial cooperation. During his activities, he has developed several contacts with judicial authorities of other States.

Mr. Tarfusser has judicial expertise on gender issues, including, but not limited to, violence against women.

He is bilingual (Italian and German), fluent in English and has a good knowledge of French.

Mr. Tarfusser, a male, is a national of Italy and does not possess the nationality of any other State.