

## **Note verbale**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the 1998 Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to inform that the Government of Sierra Leone has decided to nominate Judge Rosolu John Bankole Thompson as a Judge of the International Criminal Court, at the elections to be held during the resumed seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties, scheduled from 19 to 23 January 2009 in New York. The nomination of Judge Bankole Thompson is made in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (i) and (ii), of the Rome Statute.

While Judge Bankole Thompson can fit into any of the categories specified in article 36, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute, the Government of Sierra Leone has nominated him as a Judge of the International Criminal Court for inclusion in list A for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 5. Judge Bankole Thompson has held high judicial offices in his home country, Sierra Leone, and is one of the candidates from the African Region. A statement of Judge Bankole Thompson's qualifications and experience is attached herewith. A statement is also submitted in accordance with article 36, paragraph (4) (a), of the Rome Statute and paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6.