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VERBAL NOTE

The Embassy of Finland presents its compliments to the Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties and has the honour, with reference to the Secretariat's Note No ICC-ASP/4/S/4 dated 18 April 2005, to communicate here enclosed the nomination of **Dr. Erkki Kourula** as a candidate for re-election as a judge of the International Criminal Court.

Judge Kourula was nominated by the national group of Finland in the Permanent Court of Arbitration. A letter from the national group together with a statement specifying the qualifications of Judge Kourula, as well as his curriculum vitae, are attached to this Note. The statement submitted in accordance with Article 36, paragraph 4(a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties relating to the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the International Criminal Court, and the curriculum vitae are submitted both in English and in French.

The candidature of Judge Kourula enjoys the support of all the five Nordic Countries.

The Embassy of Finland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties the assurance of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 22 July 2005

The Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties The Hague

