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STATEMENT SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 36.4(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 NOMINATION OF PROFESSOR (MRS.) AKUA KUENYEHIA FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Professor (Mrs.) Akua Kuenyehia is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ghana. She was called to the Ghana Bar in 1970 and therefore qualified to practice law in Ghana. She is a person of high moral character, impartiality, and integrity. She possesses qualifications for appointment to the highest judicial office not only in Ghana but also within the Commonwealth. She is being nominated under the procedure for appointment to the highest judicial offices in the State in question.

- 2. Mrs. Kuenyehia possesses the necessary experience as solicitor, advocate, law lecturer, human rights expert as well as competence in criminal law and procedure. She has taught and written on International Law, Gender Issues and International Human Rights Law.
- 3. Professor Kuenyehia has an excellent command of English and a reasonable knowledge of French.

- 4. Her tenure on the International Criminal Court has raised her experience to another level.
- 5. Being the First Vice-President of the Court with responsibility for administration, she liaises with the Registrar who is in charge of the day to day running of the Court.
- 6. In addition, Professor Kuenyehia, together with the Second Vice-President, used their background and experience in gender issues to organize gender training for judges.
- 7. Mrs. Kuenyehia is a national of Ghana and does not possess the nationality of any other country.
- 8. Professor Kuenyehia is from a Common Law System which is one of the prominent legal systems in the world. Her selection will also lead to a fair representation of both male and female judges.

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