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The Permanent Mission of the Independent State of Samoa to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to refer to the Resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6 and the Secretariat's communication ICC-ASP/4/S/4 on the procedure for the nomination and election of Judges of the International Criminal Court.

The Permanent Mission of the Independent State of Samoa has the further honour to inform the Secretariat of the decision of the Government of the Independent State of Samoa to present the candidature of **Tuiloma Neroni Slade** as nominee for the post of Judge of the International Criminal Court.

Tuiloma Neroni Slade was duly elected a Judge of the Court at its first election in February 2003, and was selected by lot for a term of three years. He is therefore eligible for re-election for a full term.

Judge Slade is assigned to the Pre-Trial Division of the Court. He has been elected Presiding Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber II, and is also a member of Pre-Trial Chamber III.

As Presiding Judge, Judge Slade is closely involved in the judicial work of the Court, and is also active in the general functioning of the Court. He served as Rapporteur during the Judges' preparations of the Regulations of the Court that were adopted on 26 May 2004, and was coordinator of a number of specific issues raised in connection with the elaboration of the Regulations. He has particular responsibilities for the coordination of negotiations of the headquarters agreement with the host State and of legal studies on issues pertaining to the Pre-Trial Division.

Judge Slade has had considerable and relevant courtroom experience, as Attorney General of Samoa and as senior prosecutor, as well as a broad background in public international law, international humanitarian law and the law of human rights over many years in his service with the Commonwealth of Nations and in the context of the United Nations.

In his former capacity as Samoa's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Judge Slade was closely involved with the preparatory processes for the establishment of the International Criminal Court. At the Rome Conference in 1998 he was one of the coordinators in the development of the Rome Statute of the Court.

Additional information on Judge Slade's qualifications and experience is provided in his attached *curriculum vitae*.

Also attached is the supporting statement as required under article 36 of the Statute of the Court and Resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6.

Samoa attaches great importance to the inclusion of highly qualified persons on the Court and is confident of the suitability of Tuiloma Neroni Slade as a judge of the International Criminal Court. In particular Samoa considers it essential, in the interests of the Court, that there be continuity in the terms and services of the Judges especially at this early and critical stage in the Court's development.

The Permanent Mission of the Independent State of Samoa to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties  
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