

## **Cotte, Bruno (France)**

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### **Note verbale**

The Embassy of France to the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute and has the honour to inform it that the Government of the French Republic has decided to put forward the candidacy of Mr. Bruno Cotte, currently President of the Criminal Chamber of the Cour de Cassation (Supreme Court of Appeal), for a post as judge of the International Criminal Court in the elections to be held in New York from 30 November to 14 December 2007, during the sixth session of the Assembly of States Parties.

The nomination of Mr. Cotte, whose curriculum vitae in French and English is annexed hereto, was made, pursuant to the provisions of article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (ii), of the Rome Statute, "by the procedure provided for the nomination of candidates for the International Court of Justice in the Statute of that Court".

The nomination was made to the Government by the French group at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in a letter from the group's president, Mr. Gilbert Guillaume, dated 19 July 2007, a copy of which is also annexed hereto.

As can be seen from his curriculum vitae and the detailed accompanying statement prepared in conformity with article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Rome Statute, which is also annexed hereto, Mr. Bruno Cotte fulfils all the requirements of paragraph 3 of the aforementioned article.

A senior judge in France who has served for seven years as President of the Criminal Chamber of the Cour de Cassation (Supreme Court of Appeal), he was formerly Director for Criminal Affairs and Pardons in the Ministry of Justice, Attorney-General of the Versailles Court of Appeal, Public Prosecutor of the Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris (Paris District Court), and later Counsel for the Prosecution of the Cour de Cassation (Supreme Court of Appeal). Mr. Cotte therefore possesses all the competencies and experience required by the Rome Statute in the field of criminal law and procedure, as well as the necessary relevant experience, whether as judge, prosecutor or advocate, in criminal proceedings.

Mr. Cotte holds exclusively French nationality and is a candidate on list A provided for in article 36, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute.

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