

ACCOMPANYING STATEMENT TO THE NOMINATION OF PROFESSOR DANIEL NSEREKO

This statement is made in terms of article 36, paragraph 4(a) of the Statute of the International Criminal Court.

1. Professor Daniel David Ntanda Nsereko fulfils the requirements in article 36, paragraphs 3(a), (b) and (c) of the Statute in that:

- (i) He enjoys a reputation of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and, as an Advocate of the High Court of Uganda with over twenty years' standing, he qualifies for appointment to the highest judicial offices in the country.
- (ii) He possesses established competence in criminal law and procedure. As an Advocate, he has represented accused persons in criminal trials before Uganda's superior and subordinate courts and thus possesses the requisite trial skills. Additionally, he has conducted research and published books and scientific/scholarly articles in internationally reputable periodicals on criminal law, criminal procedure and evidence. He has also for many years taught these subjects to students at university and other levels. Because of Professor Nsereko's legal expertise and professional competence, the Registrar of the International Criminal Court included his name on the List of Counsel who are eligible to be appointed to represent accused persons and victims before the Court.
- (iii) He possesses established and internationally acknowledged competence in international law, international criminal law, international humanitarian law and the law of human rights. He has conducted research and has published numerous scientific/scholarly pieces in internationally reputable works. He has for many years taught these subjects to university students on several continents. He has also been involved in professional activities that require a thorough grasp of the law in these fields, such as rendering expert legal opinions and serving on the Advisory Committee of the War Crimes Research Office of the American University College of Law and on missions to investigate alleged violations of human rights and of humanitarian law.
- (iv) He possesses an excellent command of both written and spoken English, a working language of the Court, as evidenced by the fact that he took all his formal and higher education in English and has published scientific/scholarly works in English.

2. Professor Nsereko is being nominated for inclusion in List A for the purpose of article 36, paragraph 5, of the Statute.
3. The election of Professor Nsereko, who comes from the African region and from a common law country, will serve the need for the representation of the principal legal systems of the world, will give Africa a fairer representation on the Court and will not undermine gender balance on the Court.
4. Professor Nsereko has legal expertise in the issues of the rights of victims of crime and of refugees. This is attested to by his scientific/scholarly work and professional activities.
5. Given his strong personal character and integrity, internationally recognized competence in criminal law and procedure as well as international law, international criminal law, international humanitarian law and the law of human rights (as attested by his curriculum vitae), Professor Nsereko, when elected, is bound to make a substantial contribution to the work of the Court.

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