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The Permanent Mission of Ghana to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Director, Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court, and with reference to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties Note No: ICC-ASP/4/S/4 of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2005, has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of the Republic of Ghana has nominated **Professor (Mrs.) Akua Kuenyehia**, First Vice-President of the International Criminal Court, for re-election as Judge of the International Criminal Court. Professor Kuenyehia's candidature was endorsed by the African Union, at the Executive Council Meeting held in Sirte, Libya, from 28<sup>th</sup> June-2<sup>nd</sup> July 2005.

Professor (Mrs.) Akua Kuenyehia's nomination was done pursuant to the requirements indicated in Article 36(4)(a)(i) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and in accordance with Article 36(3)(a) and b(ii). Professor Kuenyehia's nomination shall be on List B.

Professor Kuenyehia has, since March 2003, served in the capacity of First Vice-President of the Court with responsibility for the administration of the Court. Apart from liaising with the Registrar of the Court on administrative matters, Professor Kuenyehia completed the preparation of a comprehensive document on the Terms and Conditions of the Judges of the Court, which was adopted by the Assembly of States Parties at the 6<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting in September 2004. She, inter alia, also facilitated the drafting of Staff Rules of the Court.

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Professor Kuenyehia, in light of her extensive experience in gender issues, assisted with the organization of gender sensitizing programmes for judges during the Plenary Sessions of March and May 2004. She is therefore eminently qualified under Article 36 paragraph 8(b) of the Statute.

The Government of Ghana, mindful of the critical role that the International Criminal Court has to play in combating impunity for the most serious international crimes, and in contributing to the development of international criminal and humanitarian law, believes that the ICC should be occupied by judges of the highest professional expertise, competence and gender sensitivity.

It is for this reason that the Government of Ghana is nominating **Professor Akua Kuenyehia**, who has a broad and varied experience as judge, academic, solicitor and gender activist of international standing, for re-election as Judge of the International Criminal Court.

Attached is a statement submitted in accordance with Article 36.4(a) of the Rome Statute and a copy of Professor Kuenyehia's Curriculum Vitae, which clearly indicates the multifaceted aspects of her professional career.

The Permanent Mission of Ghana to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director, Secretariat of the Assembly of State Parties to the International Criminal Court, the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2005

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