Statement of qualifications

Mr. Husain has in-depth experience of financial matters, particularly with the International Criminal Court. As facilitator for the budget within The Hague Working Group, Mr. Husain has been working closely with the Court and States Parties to ensure a timely decision at the next Assembly. As facilitator/coordinator for the permanent premises, Mr. Husain similarly worked closely with the Court and the host State to analyse the scenarios for the future growth of the Court to ensure that an adequate size and corresponding budget were established for the project. Mr. Husain has also been the senior Canadian representative for the other international judicial institutions in the Netherlands for budgetary matters. He actively participated in budget analyses and discussions for the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague Conference for Private International Law and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

This in-depth knowledge of the budgetary issues relating to the International Criminal Court and the other international judicial institutions attest to his fulfilment of the requirement, set forth in paragraph 2 of the annex to the resolution establishing the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.4), that members of the Committee be experts of recognized standing and experience in financial matters at the international level.

Furthermore, having been elected to two implementation committees under other treaties, Mr. Husain has useful experience in the workings of international committees, including achieving results and consensus in a limited time frame in a multidisciplinary setting.

Finally, Mr. Husain's broad knowledge of the International Criminal Court and international criminal law would be important assets for the Committee on Budget and Finance as it reviews and examines the budget, human resources and other infrastructure requirements of the Court that the Committee will be asked to review.

Personal

Name: Masud Husain

Current position

Counsellor (Political), Canadian Embassy, The Hague, Netherlands.

Summary: In-depth knowledge of the International Criminal Court as a State Party representative who has dealt with a variety of matters in The Hague Working Group and who served as facilitator for the 2008 budget, as well as facilitator/coordinator for the permanent premises which included an important financial component. Experience with budget issues relating to other international judicial institutions. Strong experience in working on international expert committees.

Experience with the International Criminal Court

Facilitator for the budget within The Hague Working Group.

2006 - 2007 Facilitator for the permanent premises within The Hague Working Group, and coordinator of the Working Group on the Permanent Premises at the sixth session of the Assembly of States Parties.

2005 - 2008 Senior Officer at the Canadian Embassy responsible for International Criminal Court issues.

Other international committee experience

2000 - 2002 Elected to the Implementation Committee of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

Elected to the Implementation Committee of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context ('Espoo (EIA) Convention') of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

General work experience

2005 - present Counsellor (Political), Canadian Embassy, The Hague, Netherlands.

Responsibilities: Issues (including budgets) relating to the international judicial organizations in the Netherlands, including the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the International Court of Justice, The Hague Conference for Private International Law and the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

2003 - 2005 Deputy Director Criminal, Security and Treaty Law Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Responsibilities: extradition, mutual legal assistance, privileges and immunities (diplomatic and international organizations), cooperation and information sharing.

1999 - 2002 Deputy Director Oceans and Environmental Law Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Responsibilities: treaty negotiations (Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, bilateral Ozone Annex with the United States of America, Kyoto Protocol), legal advice on treaty interpretation, elected to two international implementation committees (CLRTAP and Espoo (EIA) Convention).

- 1997 1999 First Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Damascus, Syria.
- 1995 1997 Desk Officer Criminal Law, Criminal, Security and Treaty Law Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.
- 1992 1995 Second Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Amman, Jordan.

Education

2002 Called to the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Law Degree (LL.B) from McGill University, Montreal, Québec, Canada.

Other relevant experience

2003 - 2004 President of the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers, Canada.

Responsibilities: as an elected official, overall accountability for the budget, human resource management and establishment of the payment structure of the Association.

Languages

English, French and Arabic.