

**Saiga, Fumiko (Japan)**

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**Note verbale**

The Embassy of Japan in the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and, with reference to the latter's Note No. ICC-ASP/6/S/10 dated 1 June 2007, has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Japan has decided to nominate Ms. Fumiko Saiga, Ambassador of Japan in charge of Human Rights and concurrently Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) of the United Nations, as a candidate for Judge of the International Criminal Court in the election that will be held to fill three judicial vacancies at the sixth session of the Assembly scheduled in New York from 30 November to 14 December 2007.

The nomination of Ambassador Saiga as the candidate is made in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (i) of the Rome Statute. In addition, the candidate enjoys recommendation by the Japanese national group in the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

Ambassador Saiga is a candidate on list B for the purpose of article 36, paragraph 5 of the Rome Statute and has established competence in relevant areas of international law such as humanitarian law and the law of human rights, and extensive experience in a professional legal capacity which is relevant to the judicial work of the Court, based on her long career as a professional diplomat of Japan. Especially, Ambassador Saiga, through her devoted work at the CEDAW, has excellent knowledge and experiences of gender issues including violence against women. The statement in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a) of the Rome Statute and the curriculum vitae of Ambassador Saiga are attached herewith.

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