

Husain, Masud (Canada)

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Note verbale

The Embassies of Canada, Australia and New Zealand present their compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and have the honour, with reference to the Secretariat's note ICC-ASP/7/S/20 of 15 April 2008, to inform it that the Governments of Canada, Australia and New Zealand have decided to present the candidature of Mr. Masud Husain for election to the Committee on Budget and Finance of the International Criminal Court at the election to be held during the first resumption of the seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties in New York from 19 to 23 January 2009.

Mr. Husain has in-depth experience on financial matters, particularly with the International Criminal Court. As facilitator for the budget within The Hague Working Group, Mr. Husain has worked 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.

Mr. Husain's broad knowledge of the International Criminal Court and international criminal law would be important assets for the Committee as it reviews and examines the budget, human resources and other infrastructure requirements of the Court that the Committee will be asked to review. This in-depth knowledge of the budgetary issues relating to the 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.

A detailed statement as to the candidate's qualifications, as well as a curriculum vitae are attached to this note.