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Election to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Budget and Finance

Note by the Secretariat

As a result of the resignation of Mr. Gilles Finkelstein (France), effective 30 July 2014, a vacancy arose in the Committee on Budget and Finance. On 15 August 2014, the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties (“the Assembly”) decided that the election to fill this vacancy would take place at the thirteenth session of the Assembly, to be held in New York, from 8 to 17 December 2014. The nomination period for the candidates ran from 14 September until 26 October 2014.¹

The new member would be elected for the remainder of the term of Mr. Finkelstein, namely until 20 April 2017, and would be eligible for re-election.

At the end of the nomination period, France had nominated Mr. Richard Veneau for the position of member of the Committee on Budget and Finance at the elections to be held to fill the vacancy.

¹ Note verbale ICC-ASP/13/SP/58.

Annex

Candidate (with statement of qualifications)

VENEAU, Richard (France)

Note verbale

[Original: French]

The Embassy of France presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties) and, referring to Note Verbale ICC-ASP/13/SP/61 of 1 September 2014, has the honour to inform it of the following. The Government of the Republic of France has decided to put forward the candidacy of Mr. Richard Veneau for the position of member of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) of the International Criminal Court at the elections to be held in New York in December 2014 during the thirteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties.

A graduate of Sciences Po Paris, HEC Business School in Paris and with a Masters degree in International Tax Law, Mr. Veneau currently holds the post of principal advisor to the General Secretariat of the European Investment Bank. He previously held a number of senior management positions at the Council of Europe Development Bank and with various banking and financial institutions which enabled him to acquire strong experience in management controls and budgetary processes and also financial control.

As stated in his curriculum vitae, which is appended to the Note Verbale, Mr Richard Veneau therefore meets the requirements set out in paragraph 2 of the annex to the resolution establishing the Committee on Budget and Finance.

Statement of qualifications

Graduate of HEC Business School and SCIENCES PO Paris: Master in International Tax Law.
20 years of international experience in administration, open minded, proven competences in budget management and negotiation.

Core competencies

Expertise Management: Strong experience in leadership, resources management and performance development in a multicultural environment.

Communication and negotiation: In-depth knowledge of the international community, high-level contacts with the administrations of the European Member States, institutional communication, negotiation at all levels.

Administration: Expertise in management controls, budgeting processes, streamlining of administrative processes and financial controls.

Languages

French: Native

English: Fluent, daily working language for the past 20 years

German: Fluent, studies in Germany

Professional experience

EIB, European investment bank, Luxembourg: Principal Advisor to the Secretariat General (since 2013):

- Advisor to the Secretariat General of the Institution: Governance and Coordination Division: Oversees organizational change; develops strategic vision and direction of the Bank's external projection.
- Project manager for administration and planning: Conducts calls for tenders; ensures compliance of administrative procedures.
- Vector of coordination with other Directorates General.

Council of Europe Development Bank, Paris: Director for General Administration (2006-2012)

- Directed all administrative resources of the Bank: Managed human resources' policy and operations; rationalized costs (increased flexibility of the remuneration system, streamlining of the pension scheme); managed instruments of internal and external communication of the Bank.
- Supervised and managed the Bank's budget as well as the controlling department; provided the board with relevant information for decision making; improved monitoring tools and methods (developed results-based budgeting).
- Recommended and implemented the Bank's institutional strategy: Developed collaboration with other international institutions; monitored issues related to governance, best practices and controlling bodies; contributed to the institution's Code of Conduct and to the creation of an independent Chief Compliance Officer's position.

Deputy Director (2001-2002), then Director (2003-2005) for Human Resources and Communication

- Defined and managed the human resources policy, in a multicultural environment: Conducted negotiations with staff representative bodies; administered the pension scheme; promoted new management methods (diversification of nationalities, internal mobility).
- Responsible for the Banks's internal and external communication: Managed press relations; set up internet and intranet sites and developed institutional communication supports.

Head of the Private Office of the Governor (1996-2001):

- Managed diplomatic contacts with national authorities and operational relations with other international institutions
- Coordinated the Banks's strategic orientations: Recommended a capital increase and managed the subscription process; authored the medium-term Development Plan; negotiated with Member States on all issues pertaining to the Bank's strategy (particularly in matters of development in transition countries).
- Supervised production of all official documents (Annual Report, Memorandums for the Administrative Council, etc.) and coordinated internal management meetings.
- Ensured proper implementation of protocol issues (ministerial visit, multilateral meetings).

Société Générale Group, Inspection Department: Inspector (1994 – 1996)

- Strategy advisor: Analyzed policies conducted by the Group's branches and subsidiaries; identified and recommended areas of improvement.
- Internal financial auditor: Mission to control risks and supervise liabilities; development of tools to avoid financial fraud.

French Ministry for Justice, International branch: Advisor (1992)

- Traineeship under the direct authority of the Department Director

Education/qualifications

- 1992-1994 Sciences Po Paris: Graduate in Public Administration
- 1990-1992 Jean Monnet University, Paris sud XI (Sceaux): Master in International Tax Law
- 1989-1992 H.E.C. École des Hautes Études Commerciales: Graduate in Business Management (with honors)

Personal interests

Leisure

Literature, theater, author of several books and plays.

Travel

Europe, United States, Peru, Mauritania, Kenya, Cambodia, India, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam.

Sports

Trekking (Reunion Island, Laddakh, Mount Toubkhal, Corsica, etc.)

Community work

- Since 2012 Visiting professor at the EMUNI MBA (Euro-Mediterranean University, Portoroz, Slovenia)
- 2002-2012 Member of the International Financial Institutions Human Resources Managers' network
- 1991-1994 Board Member of the French-German Associations' Federation
