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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 18 March 2019 resignation of Ms. Ingrid Eiken Holmgren (Sweden), which was effective immediately, i.e. as of 18 March 2019, a vacancy arose in the Committee on Budget and Finance. On 7 May 2019, the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties (“the Assembly”) decided that the election to fill this vacancy would take place at the eighteenth session of the Assembly, to be held in The Hague from 2 to 7 December 2019. The nomination period ran from 3 June to 25 August 2019 (Central European Time).¹

At the close of the nomination period, the Government of Austria had nominated Mr. Werner Druml to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Budget and Finance that corresponds to the Western Europe and Other States group.

The new member will be elected for the remainder of the term of Ms. Holmgren, namely until 20 April 2021, and will be eligible for re-election.

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¹ Note verbale ICC-ASP/18/SP/10.

Druml, Werner (Austria)

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Note verbale

The Embassy of the Republic of Austria presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties and has the honor to nominate Ambassador Werner Druml for a position in the Committee on Budget and Finance. This nomination is pursuant to the Secretariat's note verbale ICC-ASP/17/SP/10 and to fill the vacancy that has arisen in the Committee.

A curriculum vitae providing more information about Ambassador Druml's qualifications and experience is attached.

Ambassador Druml has longstanding experience in budgetary and financial matters and gained extensive expertise regarding the International Criminal Court's budget when, during his time as Austrian Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, he served as budget facilitator of The Hague Working Group for four consecutive years and budget Coordinator at the twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sessions of the Assembly of States Parties.

Statement of qualifications

Education

1974: Ph.D. in law (*Doctor iuris*), University of Innsbruck, Austria

1978: M.A. in International Affairs, Johns Hopkins University, SAIS Washington D.C.

Languages

German: Native.

English: Fluent.

French: Fluent.

Spanish: Advanced.

Professional career

Austrian career diplomat:

1991–1995: Ambassador to Nigeria

1995–1999: Ambassador to Libya

2000–2005: Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director for Environment

2005–2009: Ambassador to Mexico

2009–2012: Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Host State Ambassador

2012–2016: Ambassador to the Netherlands, Permanent Representative to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

Since 2017: Adjunct faculty at Webster University, Vienna

Specific professional experience

- 2009–2012: Host State Ambassador in Vienna: Responsibilities for budgetary questions for conference activities of the Vienna-based international organizations (budget roughly EUR 300,000 per year); Member of two advisory boards of the Austrian International Conference Centre (*Austria Centre Vienna*); Responsibilities in connection with the then ongoing major building project in the *Vienna International Centre/VIC* (totaling roughly EUR 102 million); Responsibilities and oversight for the Host State concerning i.a. capital investments and replacements, management and maintenance of conference buildings etc. of the *VIC*-based organizations.
- 2012–2016: Ambassador to The Netherlands: As Budget Coordinator at the twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sessions of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. In this role: Briefings to and interaction with the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) and the External Auditor on a diverse range of administrative and financial aspects; Intensive contacts with the Heads of Organs of the International Criminal Court (ICC). As Budget Facilitator of The Hague Working Group, acquisition of institutional knowledge *inter alia* in the following areas: Internal budgetary process at the ICC, including by reviewing comprehensive budget reports and drafting of resolution language for consideration by the Assembly of States Parties; Governance framework and internal functioning of the ICC; Role and significance of the Working Capital Fund and the Contingency Fund in the overall budgetary context; Judicial proceedings at the ICC and their budgetary implications; Institutional reform and management requirements, specifically in the context of the then ongoing reorganization of the Registry (*ReVision* process); Importance i.a. of transparency in budgetary and human resources processes, of economies of scale and the consequent promotion of Court-wide synergies; Human Resource matters (e.g. salary structure, remuneration of judges, Staff Rules and Regulations, United Nations Common System); Best practices in the field of Human Resources, in particular in relation to equitable geographical distribution and gender balance as well as internal settlement of disputes.
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