

Tavárez Mirabal, Minerva Josefina (República Dominicana)

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Note verbale

The Embassy of the Dominican Republic to the Kingdom of 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 note ICC-ASP/20/SP/38 of 3 June 2021, has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the Government of the Dominican Republic has decided to nominate **Mrs. Minerva Josefina (Minou) Tavárez Mirabal** as a candidate for re-election as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims at the elections to be held during the twentieth session of the Assembly of States Parties in The Hague from 6 to 11 December 2021.

The Government of the Dominican Republic considers that Mrs. Minerva Josefina (Minou) Tavárez Mirabal fully meets the requirements set out in paragraph I of ICC-ASP/1/Res.7. She is a candidate of the highest moral character, impartiality and integrity and has experience and competence in the assistance of victims of serious crimes .

Mrs. Tavárez Mirabal is a Dominican philologist and politician, recognized nationally and internationally for her commitment to democracy, justice, the defense of human rights, the fight for equality and non-discrimination. On November 25, 1960, her mother, Minerva Mirabal, as well as her aunts Patria and María Teresa Mirabal, activists for democracy, freedom and human rights, were murdered. The global condemnation of these atrocities is reflected in the designation of that date, by the United Nations General Assembly (United Nations resolution 54/134 of 1999), as the *International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women*.

The candidacy is proposed taking into account the outstanding work recently completed in the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (FFBV) filling the GRULAC vacancy that occurred after the unfortunate death of Dr. Felipe Michelini (Uruguay), and also the performance of her positions as Vice Chancellor of the Republic, Legislator and in her long career as a political activist, she has demonstrated leadership, communication skills, commitment to inclusion and diversity, as well as abilities to raise funds, generate alliances, coordinate teamwork and negotiate with different actors and interests. It is important to highlight in the same way, the work of Tavárez Mirabal for 14 years in favour of the Rome Statute and the ICC Trust Fund, as a Dominican legislator and as a member and then President of *Parliamentarians for Global Action*.

The Dominican Republic has the honour to attach a statement of qualifications and curriculum vitae of Ms. Minerva Josefina (Minou) Tavárez Mirabal and would highly appreciate the valuable support of the States Parties to the Rome Statute for her re-election as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims.
