

IRELAND

Pursuant to resolution ICCASP/18/Res.4, entitled “Resolution on the review of the procedure for the nomination and election of judges”, Ireland presents the following information concerning its national appointment procedures for the selection of candidates to judicial election at the International Criminal Court.

Ireland uses the nominations procedure provided for in article 36(4)(a)(i) of the Rome Statute, which provides for the selection of candidates by the same procedure as the nominations of candidates to the appointment to the highest judicial office in the State. The nomination of judges to the superior courts of Ireland is governed by article 35 of Bunreacht na hÉireann (the Constitution of Ireland) which provides that judges are appointed by the President on the nomination of the Government.

The nomination of Ireland’s only previous candidate for judicial election at the ICC was authorised by a decision of the Government. In making its decision, the Government was guided by the eligibility criteria contained in article 36 of the Rome Statute.

Ireland is considering reviewing its procedures for nominating candidates for judicial elections at the ICC by establishing a formal process to advise the Government on the selection of candidates, with a view to ensuring these procedures are in line with best practice.
