

Meire, Philippe (Belgium)

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Statement of qualifications

Belgium has decided to propose the candidature of Mr. Philippe Meire for the elections of the members of the Advisory Committee on nominations of judges of the International Criminal Court.

The candidature of Mr. Philippe Meire, whose curriculum vitae is attached to this statement of qualifications, fulfils all of the conditions required by the reference framework for the establishment of an Advisory Committee on nominations, annexed to resolution ICC-ASP/10/Res.5 adopted by the Assembly of State Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court on 20 December 2011, which provides that:

“Members of the Committee should be drawn from eminent interested and willing persons of a high moral character, who have established competence and experience in criminal or international law.”

Mr. Philippe Meire has extensive experience in criminal law and in international criminal law. He has been a Federal Magistrate since 2002. He has been in charge of cases in international humanitarian law, terrorism and organised crime since his arrival at the Federal Public Prosecution Office, and in 2007 he was designated Deputy to the Federal Prosecutor and put in charge of the international humanitarian law and military competences section.

In his position as top Belgian magistrate in charge of prosecutions regarding severe violations of international humanitarian law, Mr Philippe Meire has since 2002 been the point of contact of the Belgian judiciary system for cooperation with the international criminal jurisdictions: International Criminal Court, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Special Court for Sierra Leone, Special Tribunal for Lebanon. Since 2002, he has also been a Belgian member of the European network of contact points concerning persons responsible for crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Mr. Philippe Meire is also an elected member of the Belgian Supreme Council of Justice, in charge in particular of nominating and appointing magistrates (as from 1 September 2012) and a member of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War. Furthermore, he gives lectures on international humanitarian law at the National Research School of the Belgian Federal Police and at the Belgian Judicial Training Institute.

He is the author of several articles, books and presentations - at the national and international level - on international humanitarian law.

Belgium is confident that Mr. Philippe Meire’s professional experience and qualifications will usefully contribute to the work of the Advisory Committee on nominations of judges of the International Criminal Court.
