

## **Statement of qualifications**

Mr. Hiroshi Fukuda completely fulfills the criteria established in the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee: “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.”

His career as a diplomat and a judge shows how abundant knowledge and experience he has as an expert in both criminal and international law. Since joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1960, he had developed expertise of international law through his 35-year career as a diplomat, in which he served as Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs (1993-1995), Ambassador of Japan to Malaysia (1990-1993) and Director-General of Treaties Bureau (1989-1990). After leaving the Ministry, he was appointed as Justice of the Supreme Court of Japan in 1995. As a highly respected judge, he vigorously contributed to the realization of justice through rendering judgments during his term of ten years. Since his retirement as a judge, Mr. Fukuda has dedicated himself to the realization of rule of law as an attorney of a leading private law firm in Japan, Nishimura and Asahi. He is also a member of the Panel of Conciliators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

His broad first-hand experience and in-depth knowledge of international and criminal law, and plentiful experience of working with people from different cultural backgrounds in international settings are highly appropriate to the work of the Advisory Committee on Nominations, whose aim is to ensure that the most-qualified individuals be appointed as judges of the International Criminal Court.

He has been broadly recognized as a person of high moral character. He is Senior Director of the Japan Bar Association since 2009. In 2007, he received the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.

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