

## **Bîrsan, Corneliu (Romania)**

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### **Note verbale**

The Embassy of Romania to the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of the States Parties to the Rome Statute and to all the States Parties to the Rome Statute and has the honor to inform that the Ministry of Justice of Romania has nominated Professor Emeritus PhD Corneliu Bîrsan as candidate for election as member of the Advisory Committee on Nominations, which will be held during the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the Assembly of the States Parties (The Hague, 5-12 December 2018)

Professor Emeritus PhD Corneliu Bîrsan has demonstrated his irreproachable moral character, impartiality and integrity throughout a prestigious career, spanning for more than five decades, in which he has diligently served the cause of human rights, contributing to the development of an international legal system based on the principles universality, indivisibility, participation, accountability, transparency and non-discrimination. At an academic level, he has been continuously involved in coordinating and reforming the higher education system and he constantly confirmed the trust of the competent national authorities in his abilities to harmonize and develop the Romanian higher education system, abilities based on his extensive teaching and management experience. As a judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Professor Emeritus PhD Corneliu Bîrsan tirelessly pursued, during his judgeship, to enhance the legitimatization of the European Court of Human Rights in the eyes of the judicial and political professions in the Contracting States, placing the Court's "moral capital" at the highest possible level and thus strengthening its claim to legitimacy on the societal level. Throughout his judgeship, he demonstrated ample aptitude for working as part of a team in an international environment in which several legal systems are represented. Other judicial posts include a membership of the ex-European Commission of Human Rights (1995-1998) and of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague (1990-present).