

Harimoto, Yukiko (Japan)

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Note verbale

The Embassy of Japan in 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 the Secretariat's note ICC-ASP/19/SP/12, has the honor to inform the latter that the Government of Japan has decided to nominate **Ms. HARIMOTO Yukiko** as a candidate for the members of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) for the term 2021-2023 at the elections to be held during the nineteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties scheduled to be held in New York from 7 to 17 December 2020.

Ms. HARIMOTO has extensive experience and recognized standing in financial matters at the international level. She is currently a counsellor and legal advisor at the Embassy of Japan in the Netherlands and serving as the Japan's representative to the International Criminal Court and other international organizations, where she demonstrated expertise and leadership in the international negotiations including the regular budget and other related issues of the Court. From 2014 to 2017 she served as the Deputy Secretary General of Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) and supervised budgeting, auditing and accounting operations of the organization. From 2010 to 2013 she served as the First Secretary at the UNOV/UNIDO Section, Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna, Austria, and her duties included management reform, oversight and the budget of UNIDO. She also served as a member of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee at that time. Her other past responsibilities include supervision and the budget of UNHCR, UNDP and UNFPA. She is due to be re-assigned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in Tokyo this summer.

Such experience and expertise, as outlined in Ms. HARIMOTO's curriculum vitae attached herewith, attest to her fulfillment of the requirement, set forth in paragraph 2 of the annex to the resolution establishing the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.4), that members of the Committee be experts of recognized standing and experience in financial matters at the international level.

Japan has consistently supported the activities of the International Criminal Court since its establishment, and having formally become a State Party to the Rome Statute on 1 October 2007 and consistently being the largest contributor to the Court's budget, intends to remain a strong supporter of the

Court. The decision of the Government of Japan to present the candidature of Ms. HARIMOTO for election to the Committee on Budget and Finance reflects its firm commitment to continue exerting its utmost efforts to facilitate the activities of the Court. The Government of Japan is fully confident that the candidate possesses the necessary experience, expertise and knowledge in financial and budgetary affairs, as well as recognized standing at the international level, to make a strong contribution to the important work of the Committee.
