

Lemmik, Juhani (Estonia)

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Note verbale

The Embassy of the Republic of Estonia 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 No. ICC-ASP/12/S/009 of 13 February 2013 has the honor to inform that the Government of Estonia has decided to present the candidature of Mr Juhani Lemmik for re-election to the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) at the elections to be held during the twelfth session of the Assembly of States Parties from 20 to 28 November 2013.

Mr Lemmik has been a member of the Committee on Budget and Finance since September 2006. He has a strong background in public financial management, public budgeting, public governance and audit. He currently works as the Governance Adviser in the Strategy Unit of the Government Office of the Republic of Estonia. He has held positions of Chief Auditor at the Estonian National Audit Office, Deputy Head of the State Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance, and Director of Public Administration Office of the Government Office. He also serves in the Bureau of the OECD Public Governance Committee.

In Mr Lemmik's view, the main task of the CBF for the coming years is to reinvent itself and its working methods in the context of ongoing fiscal restraint from one hand and increasing workload of the Court from the other. The Committee has taken first steps in establishing stronger working relationship with the Hague Working Group in order to better understand the aspirations and fiscal realities of the States Parties, but also for the States Parties being able to utilize the technical and policy expertise of the CBF to the fullest. Also, it will be necessary to advise the Court in setting the functional strategies, which ultimately manifest themselves in the yearly budget submission, in order to cope with the ongoing gap between its financing needs and fiscal reality. Established systems and instruments, such as HRM practices, the Contingency Fund, Working Capital Fund etc, are subject to careful monitoring and possible modification in due course for them to continue to effectively serve the purpose they were set up for.
