

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to refer to the latter's note reference no: ICC-ASP/10/S/04 which advised that the nomination period for the election of six judges of the Court will run from 13 June to 7 September, 2011. The elections will take place at the tenth session of the Assembly of States Parties to be held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 12 to 21 December, 2011.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago has the further honour to advise that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has nominated Justice Anthony Thomas Aquinas Carmona S.C., Judge of the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago, to fill one of the vacancies which will arise in the Court. This nomination is submitted in accordance with the provisions of article 36, paragraph 3(b), of the Rome Statute which provides that every candidate for election to the Court shall:

“have established competence in criminal law and procedure, and the necessary relevant experience whether as judge, prosecutor, advocate or in other similar capacity, in criminal proceedings.”

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago attaches tremendous importance to the candidature of Justice Carmona for election as a judge of the Court, in keeping with Trinidad and Tobago's long-standing support for this tribunal, which predates the adoption and entry into force of the Rome Statute.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago is of the view that at this critical stage in its development, the Court should be composed of judges who adequately meet all of the criteria laid down in the Rome Statute. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago is therefore strongly convinced that Justice Carmona is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and who possesses the qualifications for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Trinidad and Tobago. It is also satisfied that if elected, Justice Carmona would make an invaluable contribution to the Court, given his knowledge and wealth of experience in the field of criminal law and procedure, both at the national and international levels.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is therefore requesting that the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties brings this matter to the attention of all States Parties to the Rome Statute, in order to obtain their support for the above mentioned candidature.

The statement of qualifications and the curriculum vitae of Justice Carmona are attached to this note verbale.