

# Mindua, Antoine Kesia-Mbe

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## Note verbale

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations Organization presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and, with reference to its note ICC-ASP/13/006 dated 18 February 2014, has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the Government of the DRC has decided to present the candidature of Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua in the elections for judges of the ICC scheduled during the thirteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties, which will be held in New York from 08 to 17 December 2014.

Judge Mindua's nomination followed the procedure applicable in the DRC for the appointment of judges to the highest court and his candidacy is presented as a nomination for list B, in accordance with article 36 paragraphs (3)(a) and (5) of the Statute. Judge Mindua meets the requirements stated in article 36 paragraphs (3)(b)(i) and (ii) and (4)(a)(i) of the Statute.

Judge Mindua is a person of high moral character, known for his impartiality and integrity. He has worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and he currently works at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). In addition to his wide-ranging judicial and legal practice, Judge Mindua also has extensive diplomatic experience in his capacity as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the DRC to the United Nations Office and the Specialized Agencies in Geneva. Finally, Judge Mindua has wide-ranging academic experience. He holds a doctorate degree in Public International Law and is also a professor of International Criminal Law, Public International Law and International Human Rights Law.

Judge Mindua has proven professional knowledge and solid practical experience in the field of Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law at both national and international level. A statement of his qualifications is appended to this note in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4(a) of the Statute. Judge Mindua's candidature is endorsed by the African Union (UA) by decision Doc.EX.CL/821 (XXIV) 21-28 January 2014.

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