

Statement of qualifications

Statement submitted in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of judges, the Prosecutor and Deputy Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/3/Res. 6).

Judge Krister Thelin is the candidate of Sweden, with the joint support of all other Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway), for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court. He is nominated for inclusion in List A, pertaining to candidates with 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.

Judge Thelin is in possession of the qualifications required for appointment to the highest judicial offices at the national level. Given his broad experience and expertise of international criminal, humanitarian and human rights law, Judge Thelin is eminently positioned to contribute effectively to the important work of the International Criminal Court.

In a range of senior judicial positions – nationally and internationally – Judge Thelin has demonstrated high moral character, impartiality and integrity. He is a highly qualified judge who combines longstanding professional experience with a personal commitment to general principles of law such as fairness, due process and judicial impartiality. He is also deeply committed to efficient trial and case management.

Judge Thelin has served in Swedish national courts in various periods since 1972. He was State Secretary at the Ministry of Justice between 1991 and 1994. His comprehensive command of national and international law has been highly valued in Sweden, where he has chaired law commissions on international private law, border security law and extradition law.

As a judge ad litem at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) between 2003 and 2008, Judge Thelin sat on complicated and demanding cases such as *Boškoski and Tarčulovski*, *Limaj et al*, *Mrkšić et al* and *Pavle Strugar*. The cases regarded serious crimes under international criminal law, including murder, torture and other violations of the laws or customs of war. Judge Thelin has thus dealt with crimes under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.

As Pre-Trial Judge at the ICTY, Judge Thelin took an active role in organising and preparing pre-trial cases with a focus on furthering the efficiency of case management and court proceedings.

In addition to profound experience and expertise in the field of international criminal justice, Judge Thelin is also well versed in international human rights law. He was a member of the UN Human Rights Committee between 2008 and 2012 and participated in the Committee's work of monitoring the human rights situation in various states and contributing to general comments on important articles in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Judge Thelin also has senior executive experience. He was the Director-General of the Independent Media Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Director of the Policy and Legal Advice Centre in Belgrade. In these managerial capacities, which were exercised on behalf of the European Union, Judge Thelin acquired additional experience from the field in institution building, promotion of human rights and the rule of law.

Judge Thelin is a national of Sweden. He is fluent in English (both orally and in writing), one of the working languages of the Court. He also has a basic knowledge of French.

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