

## Statement of qualifications

*Detailed document produced in accordance with article 36(4)(a) of the Rome Statute and paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the International Criminal Court.*

The Government of the Republic of Tunisia has decided to nominate Mr Abdelkader Bahloul, Principal State Prosecutor at the Tunis Court of Appeal, for the post of judge at the International Criminal Court at the elections to be held in New York at the thirteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute, scheduled to take place from 8 to 17 December 2014.

The nomination of Mr Abdelkader Bahloul for these elections was accepted pursuant to article 36(4) of the Rome Statute in accordance with the procedure for submitting nominations for the International Court of Justice as provided for by the Statute of that Court.

Judge Bahloul is someone of high moral character, known for his impartiality and integrity (article 36(3)(a) of the Rome Statute). A highly respected judge, he has devoted his entire professional career of around thirty seven years, beginning on 1 February 1978, to the service of justice.

Judge Bahloul meets the requirements in Tunisia for appointment to the highest judicial offices as stipulated in article 36(3) of the Rome Statute since he is currently Principal State Prosecutor at the Court of Appeal in Tunis and has held this post since 1 October 2011. This is one of the highest judicial offices in Tunisia.

Judge Bahloul has recognised experience in the fields of criminal law and procedure and also the necessary experience of criminal proceedings as an investigating judge, judge and prosecutor, thus fulfilling the requirements of article 36(3)(b)(i). During his career he was President of the Criminal Chamber for two years and President of the Criminal Appeals Chamber for four years. He was also an investigating judge for four years and State Prosecutor for nine years and Principal State Prosecutor at the Court of Appeal for ten years and he therefore has unparalleled experience of every stage of criminal proceedings.

Judge Bahloul also has extensive knowledge of International Human Rights Conventions.

Judge Bahloul is an Arabic native speaker and speaks and writes French fluently. He also has some knowledge of English (article 36(3)(c) of the Rome Statute).

Judge Bahloul holds Tunisian nationality only.

Judge Bahloul is nominated for list A (article 36(5) of the Rome Statute) in accordance with the requirements stipulated in article 36(3)(b) of the Rome Statute.

Judge Bahloul has extensive experience in the field of violence against women and children, an issue mentioned in article 36(8)(b) of the Rome Statute. His experience is the result of twenty-nine years of a career devoted to combating crime and sexual attacks against women and children in particular.

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