

## PANGALANGAN, Raul C. (Philippines)

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### Note verbale

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honor to inform the Secretariat that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines has decided to nominate Dr. Raul C. Pangalangan as a candidate to fill the judicial vacancy resulting from the resignation of elected judge Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago (Philippines) at the elections to be held during a resumed session of the Assembly of States Parties scheduled to take place in The Hague on 24 and 25 June 2015.

Dr. Pangalangan is a Professor of Law and former Law Dean at the University of the Philippines, and was a Philippine Delegate to the 1998 Rome Conference to Establish the International Criminal Court. He has been nominated in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4(a)(ii), of the Rome Statute. He is a person of high moral character, impartiality, and integrity and possesses the qualifications required by Philippine law for appointment to the highest judicial offices.

The Government of the Philippines nominates Dr. Pangalangan based on his established competence in international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights, and his professional qualifications as a Member of the Philippine Bar since 1984 and public interest lawyer. He fully meets the requirements set forth in the Rome Statute, article 36.3(b)(ii). Accordingly, the Republic of the Philippines nominates him as a List B candidate in the forthcoming elections. The nomination document, curriculum vitae and other relevant documents of Dr. Pangalangan are attached.

Dr. Pangalangan received his international law training at the Harvard Law School, where he won prizes in international law, and The Hague Academy of International Law, where he was awarded the *Diplôme* in International Law. His expertise has been tapped by, *inter alia*, the Philippine Supreme Court (as *amicus* counsel), the Philippine Judicial Academy (the official training academy for judges), and the International Committee of the Red Cross (as an international humanitarian law expert). He successfully challenged, as lead counsel before the Supreme Court, the illegal arrests made under a state of emergency in 2006.

The Republic of the Philippines has supported the International Criminal Court from the adoption of the Court's Statute in Rome in July 1998, and affirms its continuing support for the Court's work in ending impunity by ensuring that individual criminal responsibility is enforced through the highest judicial standards.

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