

# **Aitala, Rosario Salvatore (Italy)**

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## **Statement of qualifications**

*Statement submitted in accordance with Article 36 (4) 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 of the of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6).*

The Government of Italy has decided to nominate Mr. Rosario Salvatore Aitala, a senior Italian Judge and Prosecutor, for a post of judge at the International Criminal Court in the elections to be held at the sixteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties in New York, from 4 to 14 December 2017.

Mr. Aitala's curriculum vitae in English is attached hereto.

Mr. Aitala is nominated for inclusion in List A, consisting of 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" (article 36 paragraph 3 (b) (i) and paragraph 5 of the Rome Statute).

Mr. Aitala fulfils all the conditions of character, impartiality, integrity, experience and seniority required in Italy for appointment to the highest judicial offices, as stipulated by article 36, paragraph 3 (a), of the Rome Statute.

Mr. Aitala's career has been devoted to criminal law and procedure, also at international level. In twenty-five years of activity, he has held several judicial and investigative positions in Italy and abroad. He has also been teaching criminal law, criminal procedure and international criminal law in local and international universities. He started his career as senior police official in charge of investigations on serious crime. Subsequently, he became a junior magistrate at the Court of Appeal in Milan, where he specialized in the prosecution of cases of corruption and Mafia and crimes against vulnerable persons. Later, he acted as prosecutor in Trapani, Sicily, and was seconded at the Anti-Mafia Prosecution Office in Palermo, prosecuting many cases of offences against women and children, organized crime, corruption, violent crimes, and human trafficking. As Principal Expert of the Police Assistance Mission of the European Community to Albania (PAMECA), he closely advised the Minister of Justice on criminal legislation and the General Prosecutor on cases of organized crime, human and drugs trafficking, terrorism and money laundering. He also contributed to the establishment of the Serious and Organized Crime Court and the Office of the Prosecutor. In his capacity as coordinator of the Italian Judicial Programme for Afghanistan, he drafted criminal legislation and established Sections for crimes against women and children in the Office of the General Prosecutor in Kabul and in Herat. He advised Central and Latin American countries on investigation and prosecution of organized, financial and serious crime. Currently, as Senior Advisor to the President of the Italian Senate, Mr. Aitala supervises a wide range of international and legal affairs.

Mr. Aitala has specific judicial expertise on criminal offences against vulnerable persons, including women and children, transnational crime, financial investigations and international cooperation on criminal matters.

He is fluent in English and Spanish, has a basic knowledge of French and speaks Albanian at an intermediate level.

Mr. Aitala is a national of Italy and does not possess the nationality of any other State.

Mr. Aitala would be available to take up full-time service when the Court's workload so requires.

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