

Statement of qualifications

Statement submitted in accordance with article 36 (4) (a) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res. on the nomination of Justice Nthomeng Justina Majara for the position of judge of the International Criminal Court.

The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho hereby declares that Justice Nthomeng Justina Majara meets the requirements set out by article 36 3(a), (b), and (c) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. She has demonstrated a high degree of moral character and commands the necessary impartiality and integrity. These qualities together with her relevant experience in the legal field caused her to be appointed to the position of the Chief Justice (Head of Judiciary). Justice Majara has established competence in criminal law and procedure and the necessary relevant experience as a former Magistrate, Judge of the High Court and Ex-Officio Judge of the Court of Appeal in Lesotho. As an academic lecturer at the National University of Lesotho, she has undertaken research and teaching activities on the criminal justice system. Furthermore, Justice Majara has published and co-published legal research on issues affecting women nationally, regionally and internationally.

Chief Justice Majara has an excellent knowledge of and is fluent in English, one of the working languages of the Court.

In carrying out the nomination process of Justice Majara, Lesotho followed article 36(4) (a) (i). The relevant stakeholders such as the Law Society, and the Judicial Service Commission were involved and the nomination was finally endorsed by His Majesty.

Honourable Nthomeng Majara is being nominated as a **List A** candidate pursuant to article 36(5).

The Government of Lesotho is fully aware of the provisions of article 36 8(a). Pursuant to article 36(8) (b), as alluded to earlier, Justice Majara carried out research on women's issues, inter alia their legal status and how it affected them in various aspects, as well as the issue of violence against women. As former Magistrate, she dealt with children both as young offenders and as witnesses before the court, as well as in domestic matters pertaining to their maintenance and protection of their rights in general. As a High Court Judge, she headed a Commission on the Adoption of Lesotho Children. Both the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho and the candidate undertake a commitment of availing the latter to take up full-time service when the Court's workload so requires.

Justice Majara is a national of the Kingdom of Lesotho.
