

Massart, Laurence (Belgium)

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Note verbale

The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of Belgium to the international institutions in The Hague presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (hereafter the ICC) and, referring to its Note Verbale reference ICC-ASP/19/SP/01 of 20 December 2019, has the honour to put forward the nomination, submitted by the Belgian government, of Ms Laurence Massart for the role of judge at the ICC at the elections taking place during the 19th session of the Assembly of States Parties, due to be held in New York from 07 to 17 December 2020.

In accordance with articles 36(3)(b)(i) and 36(5) of the Rome Statute, Belgium would like to nominate Ms Massart for list A.

As stated in her appended curriculum vitae and covering letter, Ms Massart has over twenty-five years of experience in the judiciary and has established competence in criminal law and procedure.

The extensive experience acquired by Ms Massart in delivering judgments and directing criminal trials – many of which included international aspects – would be a significant asset for the ICC. In addition, in her role as President of the Brussels Court of Appeal since 2019, Judge Massart has developed a global view of the organisational issues and strategic challenges a large court faces.

Ms Massart is a French speaker and has a good knowledge of English.

In accordance with article 36(4)(a)(i) of the Rome Statute, the candidate was nominated by Royal Decree following the selection process provided for by the law of 29 March 2004 on cooperation with the International Criminal Court and the international criminal tribunals.
