

Flores Liera, Socorro (Mexico)

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Statement submitted in accordance with article 36, paragraph 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 International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6).

The government of Mexico has decided to nominate Ambassador Socorro Flores Liera for one of the six vacancies available for a post of judge at the International Criminal Court (ICC), with a view to the elections which are to be held at the 19th session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute in New York from 7 to 17 December 2020.

The curriculum vitae of Ambassador Socorro Flores Liera is attached in the format requested by the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties.

(a) On the necessary detail of how the candidate fulfils each of the requirements of article 36, paragraph 3(a), (b) and (c) of the Statute, in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4(a) of the Statute

Ms Flores Liera meets all the conditions of high moral character, impartiality, integrity, experience and seniority required in Mexico for appointment to the highest judicial offices, in accordance with article 36(3)(a) of the Rome Statute.

Ms Flores Liera has established experience in relevant areas of international law, such as international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and extensive professional experience in the legal domain that is of relevance to the judicial work of the Court. Accordingly, the nominee fully meets all the requirements set out in the Rome Statute for the nomination of candidates, in view of her established competence and her solid, successful and extensive experience in international legal matters. The nominee is a prominent member of the Mexican Foreign Service, where her service has gained wide recognition. Ambassador Flores has developed her career in branches of law that are closely related to the work of the Court. She has, *inter alia*, been a member of the Mexican delegation responsible for negotiating the Rome Statute, with outstanding work both during the preparatory sessions and at the Rome Conference; a representative of the Mexican State in proceedings before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the “Avena” case (Mexico v. United States); and Head of the Liaison Office of the International Criminal Court at the United Nations in New York. She has also participated in the negotiation of various international instruments in the field of public international law, and at the invitation of the International Committee of the Red Cross, has served as Chairman of the Drafting Committee at the 33rd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent. Currently, the Mexican nominee serves as the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland, with the rank of Ambassador.

Ms Flores Liera is fluent in English, has an intermediate level of French and has an intermediate level of spoken Greek.

(b) On whether the candidate is being nominated for inclusion in list A or list B for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 5 of the Statute

The candidate is nominated for inclusion in list B for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 5 of the Statute.

(c) Information relating to article 36, paragraph 8(a)(i) to (iii) of the Statute

The nominee is suitable to be elected as a judge of the Court at the 19th Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute, given that in these elections, the minimum voting requirements provide that at least one female judge, at least one candidate from list B and at least two candidates from Latin American and Caribbean States must be elected.

(d) On whether the candidate has any expertise under article 36, paragraph 8(b) of the Statute

The nominee has developed her career in branches of law that are closely related to the work of the Court, such as international humanitarian law, international criminal law and international human rights law.

(e) On the nationality under which the candidate is being nominated for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 7 of the Statute, where a candidate is a national of two or more States

The nominee is a Mexican national and does not have the nationality of any other State.

(f) On whether the nomination is made under article 36, paragraph 4(a)(i) or paragraph 4(a)(ii), and on the necessary detail of the elements of that procedure

Ms Flores is nominated under article 36, paragraph 4(a)(i) of the Rome Statute, in accordance with the requirements for any nomination for appointment to the highest judicial office in Mexico, namely judge of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation. The candidate fully meets such requirements as set out in article 95 of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States.

(g) On the commitment of the candidate to be available to take up full-time service when the Court's workload so requires

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