



DECLARATION - NATIONAL PROCEDURE

The Government of the Dominican Republic submits for consideration by the States Parties the candidacy of Judge Ramón Horacio GONZÁLEZ PÉREZ to one of the six judicial vacancies which are open in the International Criminal Court (ICC) for the period 2021-2030 in the elections to be held during the nineteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute, scheduled to take place on 7-17 December 2020 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York (United States of America), pursuant to the requirements stipulated in Article 36 of the Rome Statute.

In accordance with the stipulations of article 36 (a) (i)¹ of the Rome Statute, Judge Ramón Horacio GONZÁLEZ PÉREZ was selected by the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices.

The constitutional requirements for judges of the Supreme Court of Justice are as follows:²

- to be a Dominican citizen by birth or origin;
- to be over thirty-five years of age;
- to be in possession of full civil and political rights;
- to hold a degree or doctorate in Law;
- to have practiced law, or taught law at a university, for a minimum period of 12 years, or to have carried out, for that same period, the duties of Judge within the Judiciary, or of Public Prosecutor.

Judge González participated as a candidate in the most recent electoral process organized in the year 2019 by the National Council of the Judiciary of the Dominican Republic in order to fill the vacancies that were open in the Supreme Court of Justice.

Likewise, and with regard to the above requisites, it is worth noting that Judge González entered the Judiciary in the year 2001, and held the position of Presiding Judge of the Criminal Chamber (Second Chamber) of the Court of Appeals, National District, and Second Substitute of the President of said Court, which he obtained through the established procedure for the

¹ Rome Statute. Article 36: Paragraph 4. (a) Nominations of candidates for election to the Court may be made by any State Party to this Statute, and shall be made [...]: (i) By the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in the State in question.

² Constitution of the Dominican Republic (year 2015). Article 153.

judicial service in said Institution. Furthermore, and in the academic field, he has taught Criminal Law, Criminal Procedural Law, Public and Private International Law, and Diplomatic and Consular Law since before 1983 in the foremost Universities of the country.

Selection process

In the month of February 2020, the General Office of Legal Affairs (*Dirección General Técnica*), the General Office of Administration and Judicial Service (*Dirección General de Administración y Carrera Judicial*) and the National Judicial School of the Judicature (*Escuela Nacional de la Judicatura del Poder Judicial*) identified national judges (both male and female) who complied with the requisites set out in the Rome Statute, to the end of their participation in the present election. In the month of March, a formal proposal was submitted to the Judicial Council, identifying two candidates whose professional career and moral values complied with the highest standards.

A dossier was prepared for each of the two judges, containing relevant information provided both by the candidate judges themselves and by the Human Resources and teaching areas in the National Judicial School; these dossiers documented their careers, including their compliance with the criteria determined by the Court.

In its Regular Session No. 010-2020, held on 24 March 2020, the Judicial Council examined this item of the agenda and selected retired Judge Ramón Horacio González Pérez, Presiding Judge of the Criminal Chamber (Second Chamber) of the Court of Appeals, National District, as the Judiciary's candidate before the Ministry of External Affairs for election as Judge/Member of the International Criminal Court. It also issued instructions regarding the notification to the Ministry of External Affairs of the candidacy proposed by the Judiciary to said body for consideration as the Dominican Republic's candidate.

Upon receipt of said documentation, after noting that the selection process had been carried out in compliance with the requirements stipulated by the International Criminal Court, and having obtained the support of the Chamber of Deputies for the candidacy of Judge Ramón Horacio González Pérez, the Ministry of External Affairs proceeded to deposit the nomination of this candidate before the corresponding body.