



Reference: ICC-ASP/10/S/59

The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties presents its compliments to States Parties and, on behalf of the President of the Assembly, has the honour to refer to its note verbale ICC-ASP/10/S/06, dated 7 February 2011, and resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6 entitled “Procedure for the nomination and election of judges, the Prosecutor and Deputy Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court”, adopted by the Assembly of States Parties on 10 September 2004. Paragraph 28 thereof provides that “[t]he procedure for the nomination of judges shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the nomination of the Prosecutor.

The Secretariat wishes to recall that, at the ninth session of the Assembly, the Bureau established a Search Committee for the position of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, the Terms of Reference of which are set out in document ICC-ASP/9/INF.2. It is understood that this process is without prejudice to the relevant provisions of the Rome Statute and does not prevent any State Party from submitting a formal nomination. Given that the Search Committee was established with a view to facilitating the implementation of paragraph 33 of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, States Parties are encouraged to make use of this process with a view to arriving at a consensus candidate, ideally both for nomination and election.

As regards the timelines for its work, the Search Committee foresees 9 September 2011 as the closing date for the receipt of expressions of interest. Governments should contact the Search Committee prior to submitting any formal nomination. The Search Committee may be contacted via the Secretariat at the following e-mail address: rene.holbach@icc-cpi.int.

Under the terms of the resolution, the Secretariat wishes to inform States Parties that, as at 2 September 2011, no formal nominations had been received

Since no candidate has been presented, the nomination period for the Prosecutor has therefore been extended for a period of two weeks, to Friday, 16 September 2011 before midnight (Central European time), pursuant to the above-mentioned resolution.

Further information is available on the website of the Court (www.icc-cpi.int), under “Assembly of States Parties”.

The Hague, 5 September 2011