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President of the Assembly of States Parties
to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

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Excellency,

I have the honour to submit to the Assembly of States Parties a shortlist of candidates for the position of Registrar of the International Criminal Court ("the Court"), as well as to inform you of the process that has led to the establishment of the aforementioned shortlist.

As you know, pursuant to article 43, paragraph 3, of the Rome Statute ("the Statute"), the Registrar shall be a person of *"high moral character, be highly competent and have an excellent knowledge of and be fluent in at least one of the working languages of the Court."* Article 43, paragraph 4, stipulates that the *"judges shall elect the Registrar by an absolute majority by secret ballot, taking into account any recommendation by the Assembly of States Parties."* Furthermore, according to rule 12, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("the Rules"), the Presidency shall establish a list of candidates who satisfy the criteria laid down in article 43, paragraph 3, and shall transmit the list to the Assembly of States Parties with a request for any recommendations.

The position of the Registrar was advertised on the Court's website (Vacancy Announcement 2028 EE-RE) on 22 June 2012 and the deadline for applications was 27 August 2012.¹ In total, sixty-seven (67) applications were received. The Court's Human Resources Section assessed all applications and found that thirty (30) candidates had met the minimum requirements stipulated in the Vacancy Announcement.

¹ <http://www.icc-cpi.int/NR/rdonlyres/A1FB00E8-AD11-4AFC-8814-1AF685896280/0/2028EERERegistrar.pdf>

For the purpose of short-listing, the relevant criteria were based on the Vacancy Announcement and the requirements, preferences and additional advantages/assets specified therein. Based on these criteria, the three members of the Presidency individually evaluated the qualified candidates and together identified eleven (11) candidates who best meet these criteria and the requirements set in the Statute. The short-listed candidates are (in alphabetical order):²

Ms. Alia AOUN (France/ Lebanon);
Ms. Silvana ARBIA (Italy);
Mr. Giancarlo BELLELLI (Italy);
Mr. John HOCKING (Australia);
Mr. Ralph MARTENS (Germany);
Mr. Ngonlardje MBAIDJOL (Chad);
Mr. Lyn PARKER (The United Kingdom);
Ms. Jocelyn PIERRE (France);
Mr. Daniel PREIRA (Senegal/ France);
Mr. Claudio SANTORUM (Argentina/ Spain); and
Mr. Herman VON HEBEL (The Netherlands).

Please find enclosed the candidates' curricula vitae and executive summaries of their relevant experiences, as well as the statistical overview of gender and geographic representation. I kindly request Your Excellency to submit the names of the short-listed candidates to the Assembly of States Parties for any recommendation that it may wish to make, as pursuant to article 43 of the Statute and rule 12 of the Rules.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Sang-Hyun Song

² In cases of dual nationality, the States listed first are ones in which candidates exercise their civil and political rights and are thus considered relevant for the purpose of geographic representation.