STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

FERGAL GAYNOR

Statement submitted in accordance with article 42 (3) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and paragraphs 28-30 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the Procedure for the nomination and election of judges, the Prosecutor and Deputy Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended).

It is an honour for Ireland to nominate Judge Fergal Gaynor for election as Prosecutor. Judge Gaynor's professional experience has included twelve years as a full-time international prosecutor on some of the most complex cases to have been tried before international courts following over a decade of private practice. His technical excellence in prosecution means that he can oversee an Office that can deliver a more credible deterrent effect, based on a solid track record of convictions, upheld on appeal. He is the Reserve International Co-Prosecutor at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and a Judge at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, both of which are predominantly civil law jurisdictions. He has an excellent working knowledge of French and Spanish, and his first language is English.

Judge Gaynor has a strong professional reputation for achieving excellence in investigation and prosecution, and for treating all colleagues courteously and with dignity and respect. He is a person of high moral character. Ireland strongly believes that Judge Gaynor has the temperament and negotiating experience necessary to build support within the Office of the Prosecutor for the changes that it so urgently needs, and to build a constructive working relationship with other stakeholders and with States Parties.