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Statement of qualifications

This is a statement submitted in accordance with paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties relating to the procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of victims (ICC-ASP/1/Res.7), adopted on 9 September 2002.

Mr. Motoo Noguchi completely fulfills the criteria established in paragraph 1 of the above-mentioned resolution (ICC-ASP/1/Res.7): “the candidate [shall] be of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and have competence in the assistance to victims of serious crimes.”

Mr. Motoo Noguchi is of high moral character, impartiality and integrity, which have been cultivated since he began his career as a public prosecutor of the Japanese Ministry of Justice in 1985 and has been recognized internationally through his performance as an International Judge of the Supreme Court Chamber of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) from 2006 to July 2012.

Mr. Noguchi has strong competence in the assistance to victims of serious crimes. The ECCC was the first international/hybrid court where victims’ participation and reparations in criminal proceedings were introduced in a substantial manner. In his six-year term as an International Judge of the ECCC, he adjudicated cases of crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide committed during 1975 to 1979 under the Khmer Rouge regime, issuing a judgment and decisions concerning victims’ participation and reparations as civil parties. He also served at the ECCC as a member of the Plenary Sessions, the Rules and Procedure Committee, and the Judicial Administration Committee and played a central role in the establishment and reform of modalities and procedures for victims’ participation and reparations. His first-hand and latest experiences and abundant knowledge as to ways to give relief to victims in cases of mass atrocity crimes will be more than useful in implementing assistance to victims of serious crimes under the system of the ICC.

Mr. Noguchi's competence in the assistance to victims of serious crimes has also been demonstrated through his activities as a prominent expert in Asia in the area of international criminal justice. He conducted various research and lectured broadly on the subject in a various capacities, such as professor of the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI), visiting professional at the Presidency of the ICC, visiting fellow at Yale Law School, Schell Center for International Human Rights and MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale, Genocide Studies Program, and visiting professor at the University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Human Security Programs.

Based upon the above experience, since June 2012, Mr. Noguchi heads the International Cooperation Department of the Research and Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice, where he directs the provision of legal technical assistance for Asian countries in transitional justice. He therefore remains in the best position to continue high-level dialogue with relevant authorities of Asian States to promote their understanding of the ICC, and in particular of the Victims Trust Fund.
