

Noguchi, Motoo (Japan)

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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 fulfils the criteria established in paragraph 1 of the above-mentioned resolution: “the candidates [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 and then as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims since December 2012.

During his current term as the Chair of the Board of Directors, Mr. Noguchi has demonstrated strong competence in the assistance to victims of serious crimes. He has lead the Board in: strengthening the programmes under the assistance mandate in Uganda and DRC; contributing to the formation of a legal and practical framework regarding the Court-ordered reparations; raising awareness of the TFV as an essential element for justice under the Rome Statute system; strengthening the TFV’s activities for the victims of sexual and gender based violence (SGVB); adopting the TFV’s Strategic Plan for 2014-2017; increasing the volume of voluntary contributions by State Parties to a record-high level as well as obtaining new donors including his home country, Japan.

Despite the pro bono status of the Chair and members of the Board, Mr. Noguchi devotes a great deal of his time, energy, and passion to the Chairmanship of the Board, and always makes himself available for the Secretariat’s requests for guidance from the Board to which he coordinates with other Board members in a swift manner.

Mr. Noguchi’s competence in the assistance to victims of serious crimes has also been demonstrated through his term of six years as an International Judge of the ECCC where he adjudicated cases of crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide committed during 1975 and 1979 under the Khmer Rouge regime, issuing a judgment and decisions concerning victims’ participation and reparations as civil parties.

As a prominent expert in Asia in the area of international criminal justice, he has conducted research and lectured broadly in 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 Programme.

At a domestic level, Mr. Noguchi has served the Ministry of Justice for the past thirty years since 1985 and is currently a prosecutor at the Supreme Public Prosecutors Office in Tokyo where he is in charge of cases before the Supreme Court.

For the Trust Fund for Victims, the next three years will be critical years because a number of important developments are being expected: these include: the start of the implementation of the first-ever reparations orders of the Court; the pursuance of geographical expansion of activities under the assistance mandate to other countries; the continuous efforts to strengthen the TFV's financial basis in particular by cultivating donations from private sectors. In view of the departure of at least two distinguished Board members including the former Chair who completed their second term, Mr. Noguchi's continuous presence at the Board will help maintain the existing momentum and strategic coherence of the Board.

Mr. Noguchi is therefore the best candidate to represent the Asian region in the Board of the Trust Fund for Victims at the election to be held in the Assembly of States Parties in 2015.
