

## **Helić, Arminka (United Kingdom)**

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### **Statement of qualifications**

This statement is submitted pursuant to paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the Procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (ICC-ASP/1/Res.7).

Baroness Helić fully meets the criteria for nomination set out in paragraph 1 of the above resolution: she is of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and has competence in the assistance to victims of serious crimes.

Baroness Helić has extensive experience of work to assist victims of serious crimes. As Senior Adviser to the then British Foreign Secretary William Hague, she led the creation of the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative (May 2012 – present) and advised on all stages of the initiative from the International Protocol on the Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence in Conflict to the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict (June 2014).

As Senior Adviser to the British Foreign Secretary, Baroness Helić advised on all aspects of UK foreign policy, accompanying the Foreign Secretary on official visits to over 70 countries, gaining extensive firsthand experience of multilateral bodies, and driving policy creation and implementation as well as representing the Foreign Secretary at the political level.

Since her appointment as a Member of the House of Lords, Baroness Helić has continued her commitment to victims of serious crimes, including by proposing and securing the first UK Parliamentary Committee on sexual violence in conflict. She is a member of the external Steering Board advising the Prime Minister's Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of the London School of Economics Centre for Women Peace and Security.

Baroness Helić is a Director of J.D.H. Office, a not-for Profit company focused on international humanitarian and philanthropic interests, including sexual violence in conflict, conflict prevention, refugees and statelessness.

Baroness Helić's high moral character, impartiality and integrity are demonstrated by her extensive record of public service, and her passionate commitment to supporting survivors of serious crimes.