

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

IBRAHIM SORIE YILLAH ESQ

STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTIONS ICC-ASP/1/Res 6 and ICC-ASP/1 Res 7 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATE PARTIES

It is an honour for the Government of Sierra Leone to nominate Ibrahim Sorie Yillah, a Barrister at Law and Solicitor of the High Court of Sierra Leone who has practiced as a lawyer, locally and internationally over the past twenty three (23) years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court. Ibrahim Sorie Yillah is a highly qualified and experienced lawyer who has served the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) as a Trial Lawyer, as Defence Counsel and is currently at the time of his nomination serving as the Principal Defender of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Ibrahim Sorie Yillah is a person of high moral character and integrity whose tenures at national and international tribunals were characterized with dedication, selfless service and dedication. Ibrahim has the skills set and administrative experience required for navigating an institution such as the Victims Trust Fund Board of the International Criminal Court and the other structures within the framework of the International Criminal Court given his years of experience in dealing with victims of war crimes and crimes against humanity as a Trial Lawyer and as the Principal Defender of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone. Ibrahim brings the unique experience of dealing first hand with witnesses and victims in the fields during investigations, understands the challenges they face with the additional knowledge of how to deal with defence witnesses and victims.

Ibrahim's nomination to the Victims Trust Fund Board would bring the much needed firsthand experience of a lawyer who hails from a country that has undergone a brutal civil war in which an international criminal tribunal was established in which he worked as a counsel together with Victims and Witnesses Unit to provide psycho-social counseling to victims. Ibrahim understands what it means to be a victim and the needs of victims, which is the center piece of the work of the Board of Directors for Trust Fund for Victims. Ibrahim has the competence, the experience and the skill sets in dealing with victims of serious crimes and continues to date in his work at the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone to relate and deal with victims of serious crimes in Sierra Leone.

Ibrahim speaks and writes English and is fluent in French and is qualified to sit as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Sierra Leone.

