DECLARATION CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE OF DESIGNATION AND ELECTION OF THE JUDGES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT AND SUBMITTED ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 36.4 (a) OF THE ROME STATUTE

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The present declaration related to the designation of Professor Cheikh Tidiane Thiam as candidate to the election of Judges at the International Criminal Court is submitted according to the provisions of article 36 of the Rome Statute and to Resolution ASP/3/Res.6 of the Assembly of State Parties, related to the designation and election of Judges to the International Criminal Court.

- 1- Professor Cheikh Tidiane Thiam is a man highly regarded for his moral standards, his impartiality, integrity and for his ability to hold the highest judicial positions.
- 2- In view of the procedure described by article 36.4, a, 1 of the Statute of the International Criminal Court, Professor Thiam has been designated by the President of the Republic who presides over the Conseil Supérieur de la Magistrature and has the power to appoint Judges (Article 36.4,a,i). Previously, Professor Thiam has been appointed, in 1999, by decree, by the President of the Republic, as Counsellor at the Conseil d'Etat, the highest administrative juridisction of Senegal.
- 3- Because of his training, his professional career as Professor of Institutional Law and Human Rights, as indicated in his curriculumvitae, Professor Thiam meets the requirements spelled out in Article 36.3,b,ii) of the Court Statute. Furthermore, as Director of Legal and Counsular Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Professor Thiam has improved his experience in the field of legal disputes in particular in the field of human rights, in his capacity as Coordinator of responses and reports submitted by the Government of Senegal in the fields of human rights and humanitarian international law and the fulfillment of his responsibility as Consultant in the implementation of treaties and the Senegalese legislation in these areas.
- 4- Professeur Thiam has an excellent command of French (Article 36.3,c, of the Statute).

- 5- Professor Thiam has been proposed as candidate to the post of Judge dedicated to the African Group. His candidature is enlisted under the B List, according to the provisions of Article 36.5 of the Statute.
- 6- Professor Thiam is a Senegalese national. He is a citizen of a country belonging to the geographic zone of West Africa with a Francophone legal tradition. He does not hold any other nationality.
