

**STATEMENT SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4 a) OF  
ARTICLE 36 OF THE ROME STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL  
COURT AND PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF  
STATES PARTIES RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR THE NOMINATION  
AND ELECTION OF JUDGES, THE PROSECUTOR AND DEPUTY  
PROSECUTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**

**Professor Károly BÁRD**, is the candidate supported by the Republic of Hungary for election to the International Criminal Court.

Professor Bárd, is a Hungarian national, presently a professor in human rights, substantive criminal law and criminal procedure as well as an attorney with practice of more than ten years. Professor Bárd is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity, who possesses all the qualifications required in Hungary for appointment to the highest judicial offices. Mr. Bárd has excellent knowledge in English and German, speaks Russian and French.

Mr. Bárd fulfils the requirements of both Articles 36.3 (b) (i) and (ii), as specified in his Curriculum Vitae. As the head of the Criminal Law Department at the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest and the Director of the Central European University's Human Rights Program he has theoretical competence in criminal law, criminal procedure, human rights and international humanitarian law. Representing clients before national courts and the European Court of Human Rights he also has the necessary practical experience.

As Deputy State-Secretary Mr. Bárd played an eminent role in transforming the Hungarian legal system after the change in the political regime of the country. He headed the interdepartmental committee, which had the task to prepare the ratification of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and to bring Hungarian legislation in conformity with the jurisprudence of the European Human Rights Court. As the co-chairman of the drafting committee he played a significant role in the preparation of the new code of criminal procedure adopted in 1998 by the Hungarian Parliament. He has wide experience in international criminal law, served several times as consultant or expert for the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the European Commission and the OSCE.

His contribution to the transformation of the legal systems and the strengthening of the protection of human rights in Russia, Albania, Kazakhstan or Georgia as expert of the mentioned international organizations is highly appreciated.

His memberships in the leading bodies of international organizations show Professor Bárd's reputation as an expert in international criminal law. Thus between 1994 and 2004 Professor Bárd served on the Board of Directors of the Association Internationale de Droit Pénal (AIDP) and between 1999 and 2004 as Vice Secretary- General of the Association. Between 1996 and 2001 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute. Upon the appointment by the United Nations Secretary-General, Professor Bárd is serving on the Advisory Board of the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Crime Control (HEUNI). Professor Bárd was the first

delegate from the Central and Eastern European region to be elected member of the Bureau of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) of the Council of Europe.

Professor Bárd has been a devoted supporter of the International Criminal Court. In his capacity as the research director of the Constitutional and Legal Policy Institute affiliated with the Open Society Institute he was involved in designing and organizing conferences and projects in partnership with international human rights organizations with the aim of preparing prospective delegates from countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union for the Rome Conference and after the adoption of the Statute of assisting the countries of the region in drafting implementing legislation.

Professor Bárd was a member of the Hungarian Delegation to the United Nations Diplomatic Conference on the Establishment of the International Criminal Court and participated at the Sessions of the Preparatory Commission of the ICC after the Rome Conference. He was among the first in Europe to offer an entire course on the ICC in 1999 (at CEU).

During his career Professor Bárd has been active in promoting and protecting human rights. In addition to his law drafting activities Mr. Bárd as the Deputy Secretary of State served as the agent of the Republic of Hungary before the European Court of Human Rights. He was a member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance. Mr. Bard is on the Board of a number of prestigious human rights NGO's and for his activities in the area of human rights protection he was among the first to receive the Human Rights Prize awarded by the Minister of Justice in 2002.

**Mr. Károly Bárd is being nominated for inclusion in list "B" for the purposes of paragraph 5 of Article 36 of the Rome Statute.**

**The information relating to subparagraph (i) to (iii) of paragraph 8 (a) of Article 36 of the Rome Statute is as follows:**

- (i) Mr. Bárd – as stated above - has established competence in relevant areas of international law such as international humanitarian law and the law of human rights, and extensive experience in a professional legal capacity that is of relevance to the judicial work of the Court.**
- (ii) Mr. Bárd is a national of Hungary, which is member of the Eastern European Group of States. He does not possess the nationality of any other state.**
- (iii) Mr. Bárd is male.**

The Hague, 19 July 2005