

Statement in support of nomination

The following statement in support of the nomination of **Judge Tuiloma Neroni Slade** as a Judge of the International Criminal Court is submitted in accordance with article 36 of the Rome Statute of the Court and the Resolution of the Assembly of States Parties relating to the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the International Criminal Court:

1. Judge Slade, being a barrister and senior counsel of more than eight years' standing, is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity who possesses the qualifications required under the law of Samoa for appointment to the highest judicial offices (article 36, paragraph 3 (a), of the Statute);
2. By his work and experience as Attorney General and prosecutor and internationally in the areas of international humanitarian law and the law of human rights, as detailed in his attached *curriculum vitae*, Judge Slade fulfils the requirements of sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of article 36, paragraph 3 (b), of the Statute. He has established competence in criminal law and procedure and the necessary relevant experience, as prosecutor and advocate, in criminal proceedings. He also has established competence in relevant areas of international law, in particular international humanitarian law and the law of human rights, and extensive experience in a professional legal capacity which is of relevance to the judicial work of the Court;
3. Judge Slade has excellent knowledge of and is fluent in English (article 36, paragraph 3 (c), of the Statute);
4. Judge Slade satisfies the requirements for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Samoa, and his nomination is in accordance with the procedure provided for the nomination of candidates for the International Court of Justice (article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Statute);
5. Judge Slade is being nominated for inclusion in list A for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 5, of the Statute;
6. With respect to article 36, paragraph 8 (a), sub-paragraphs (i) to (iii), of the Statute:
 - (i) Judge Slade is qualified in law and has practiced in Samoa and in New Zealand, both having common law legal systems;
 - (ii) Judge Slade is a national of Samoa, a member State of the Asian Group; and
 - (iii) Judge Slade is male;
7. With respect to article 36, paragraph 8 (b), of the Statute, Judge Slade has legal expertise on a wide range of specific issues relevant to the work of the Court, including, but not limited to, violence against women and children. His courtroom experience includes dealing with cases of rape, murder and other serious cases of violence and sexual assaults.