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1. AMANI CIRIMWAMI, Ezéchiel (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

[Original: French]

Note verbale

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in The Hague presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute and, with reference to note verbale ICC-ASP/25/SP/01/Corr.2 dated 16 December 2025, has the honour to inform it that the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has decided to nominate Mr Ezéchiel Amani Cirimwami, a national of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, for the position of judge of the International Criminal Court under List B, for the 2027–2036 term of office, at the elections to be held during the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties, scheduled to take place in New York in December 2026.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo certifies that Mr Cirimwami fully satisfies the requirements set forth in article 36, paragraph 3, of the Statute. He possesses recognized competence in international law, particularly international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law, as well as substantial professional experience relevant to the judicial functions of the Court.

Holding two doctorates in law and serving as a professor of international law, Mr Cirimwami has extensive expertise in the legal and procedural mechanisms applicable to international crimes, together with significant experience in international litigation, acquired notably through proceedings before the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) and the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Although nominated under List B, his nomination is notable for his direct experience in criminal law and criminal procedure acquired through the exercise of judicial and prosecutorial functions, thereby providing him with an in-depth understanding of the evidentiary and procedural requirements at the core of the Court's mandate.

The nomination of Mr Cirimwami reflects the steadfast commitment of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to strengthening international criminal justice, combating impunity and upholding the rule of law at the international level.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo is convinced that Mr Cirimwami's experience, competence and integrity will enable him to make a significant contribution to the work of the Court, particularly in the adjudication of complex cases involving evidentiary and procedural issues.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo reaffirms its commitment to the Rome Statute system and to the promotion of an independent, impartial and effective system of international criminal justice.

This note verbale is accompanied, for the purposes of the present nomination, by the nominee's curriculum vitae and statement of qualifications, in accordance with the stipulations of article 36 of the Rome Statute.

Statement of qualifications

This statement is submitted pursuant to paragraph 4 (a) of article 36 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. The Democratic Republic of the Congo has the honour to present the nomination of Mr Ezéchiel Amani Cirimwami, a national of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, for election as a judge of the Court. The nomination of Mr Cirimwami was carried out in accordance with the procedure applicable in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the designation of nominees to the highest judicial offices, in conformity with paragraph 4 (a) of article 36 of the Rome Statute.

Mr. Cirimwami enjoys established high moral character, impartiality and integrity, and fulfils the conditions required for appointment to the highest judicial offices in his State. His professional career is distinguished by a rare and integrated combination of judicial functions, prosecutorial practice and international litigation, supported by a sustained academic commitment to international law.

He is being nominated for inclusion in List B and is based on an established competence in international law, particularly international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law, whilst also being notable for his direct and substantial experience in criminal law and criminal procedure.

In his capacity as a judge, Mr. Cirimwami has adjudicated complex criminal cases involving the assessment of the admissibility and probative value of evidence, the evaluation of conflicting testimony and the safeguarding of the rights of the defence, including in cases requiring particularly careful management of evidentiary material and witness credibility.

In his capacity as a prosecutor, he directed investigations concerning serious human rights violations, notably in contexts involving complex evidentiary assessments, sensitive witness testimony and the prosecution of serious international crimes. He thereby acquired practical experience in the management of complex evidentiary records and witness-related issues in challenging contexts.

Mr. Cirimwami also possesses extensive experience in international litigation. He appears as counsel before several international jurisdictions, notably the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, in cases in relation to serious violations of international law, including allegations of genocide and other international crimes. This practice has enabled him to develop a thorough expertise in complex evidentiary and procedural issues arising in international adjudication.

His profile is further strengthened by his engagement with the procedural foundations of international justice. He served as a researcher at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law and as Associate Editor of the Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law, contributing to one of the leading reference works in this field.

Mr. Cirimwami is Associate Professor of International Law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Visiting Professor of International Humanitarian Law at the Catholic University of Louvain, and Visiting Professor of Human Rights and Military Operations at the Royal Military Academy of Belgium. Holding two doctorates in law, his research notably focuses on the prosecution of international crimes and the procedural dynamics of international adjudication.

Mr. Cirimwami has also contributed to international efforts aimed at strengthening the fight against impunity for international crimes, notably through his participation, as plenipotentiary delegate and member of the legal drafting committee, in the Ljubljana Diplomatic Conference that led to the adoption of the Ljubljana–The Hague Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of the Crime of Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, War Crimes and Other International Crimes. In that capacity, he was directly involved in the drafting of provisions relating to jurisdiction, mutual legal assistance and extradition.

His approach to judicial office is guided by the need to ensure the highest standards of evidentiary rigour, strict respect for procedural guarantees and a careful balance between the rights of the defence and the interests of victims, including in cases involving vulnerable witnesses and complex factual situations. He considers that the legitimacy of the Court rests upon the quality and coherence of its legal reasoning.

Having been trained in a civil law legal system and possessing experience in international and comparative law, Mr. Cirimwami is in a strong position to contribute effectively to the work of the Court within a pluralistic legal environment. He is fluent in French and English and undertakes to be available to take up his full-time service. He boasts a judicial profile combining practical criminal law experience with profound procedural expertise, enabling him to contribute to the work of the Court with clarity, rigour and authority in the adjudication of complex cases.

Curriculum vitae

[original: English]

FAMILY NAME:	Amani Cirimwami
FIRST NAME:	Ezéchiél

MIDDLE NAME:		
GENDER:	Male	
DATE OF BIRTH:	11 December 1983	
NATIONALITY:	Congolese (Democratic Republ of the Congo)	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Africa	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)		
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List B	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: French	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- OTHERS	Swahili : (written) Intermediate	(oral) Intermediate
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the "+" sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i>		
01/2023 - <i>Institution:</i> Université Catholique de Louvain - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Doctor of Legal Studies (LLD) : International Criminal Law PhD Topic: "L'Obligation d'extrader ou de poursuivre les auteurs des crimes internationaux: combler les lacunes du droit conventionnel".		
01/2023 - <i>Institution:</i> Vrije Universiteit Brussel - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Doctor of Laws (LLD) : International Criminal Law PhD Topic: "L'Obligation d'extrader ou de poursuivre les auteurs des crimes internationaux: combler les lacunes du droit conventionnel".		
2016 - <i>Institution:</i> The Hague Academy of International Law - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Certificate of Attendance (Summer Courses of Public International Law)		
2018 - <i>Institution:</i> United Nations International Law Commission - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Certificate of Attendance (International Law Seminar)		
2012 - <i>Institution:</i> Université Catholique de Bukavu (UCB) - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Diploma of Advanced Studies in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (BAC + 6)		
2008 - <i>Institution:</i> Université Officielle de Bukavu		

- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Law degree (LLB) (BAC + 5)	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: <i>Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)</i> - Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries - Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate	
09/2024 - Current	
- <i>Employer:</i> - <i>Post title:</i> - <i>Other information:</i>	Vrije Universiteit Brussel Professor of International Law Main Tasks and Responsibilities: Course Design & Delivery: Designed and taught a master's level course on Advanced Topics in Public International Law, integrating foundational principles with current issues in international relations and governance. Curriculum Modules: Developed and delivered four comprehensive modules: Nature and Evolution of International Law – critical approaches and theoretical frameworks; Sources of International Law – treaty interpretation, customary law, general principles, and subsidiary means; State Responsibility – examination of the ILC's 2001 Articles and emerging post-2001 debates; Enforcement of International Law – mechanisms, compliance challenges, and adjudicatory trends. Case-Law Integration: Integrated analysis of jurisprudence from the ICJ, regional human rights courts, arbitral tribunals, and other bodies to strengthen practical reasoning and legal writing. Research Supervision: Supervised master's theses and research papers on public international law and related disciplines, offering both methodological and substantive guidance. Mentorship & Academic Development: Mentored students pursuing international careers and moot court activities, fostering advocacy, research, and teamwork skills. Assessment & Evaluation: Designed and assessed written assignments and oral presentations to evaluate comprehension and practical application of international legal principles. Curriculum Contribution: Contributed to curriculum development within the Faculty of Law and Criminology, aligning teaching content with the latest International Law Commission outputs and evolving global jurisprudence.
2024 - Current	
- <i>Employer:</i> - <i>Post title:</i> - <i>Other information:</i>	Ministry of Justice of the DR Congo - Task Force International Justice State Counsel at the International Court of Justice - Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (The Gambia v. Myanmar: 11 States intervening) Main Tasks and Responsibilities: Contributed to the drafting of the Declaration of Intervention under Article 63 of the Court's Statute on behalf of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Advised and assisted in the formulation of the legal position and interpretative approach of the intervening State concerning obligations under the 1948 Genocide Convention. Conducted in-depth legal research on the interpretation and application of the Convention, the jurisprudence of the ICJ, and relevant travaux préparatoires. Drafted and reviewed written submissions addressing jurisdictional, interpretative, and procedural issues arising from the intervention.

	Coordinated with national authorities, experts, and the litigation team to ensure accuracy, consistency, and alignment of arguments with the object and purpose of the Convention. Engaged with the Court's Registry and liaised with representatives of other intervening States on procedural matters and timelines. Contributed to broader strategic discussions on the role of third-state interventions in strengthening the enforcement of the prohibition of genocide under international law.
2023 - Current	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Ministry of Justice of the DR Congo - Task Force International Justice
- <i>Post title:</i>	State Counsel at the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights
- <i>Other information:</i>	Main Tasks and Responsibilities: Represented the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Case No. 007/2023 – Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Rwanda, the first inter-State application before the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights. Developed and continuously refined the litigation strategy, focusing on violations of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights Drafted and reviewed written pleadings and submissions, such as the Application, Reply, and observations on preliminary objections, ensuring factual precision, coherence, and procedural compliance. Conducted advanced legal research on the Court's jurisprudence, comparative regional practice, and international precedents related to jurisdiction, admissibility, and State responsibility. Coordinated with national institutions, ministries, and technical experts to collect and analyse evidence, witness statements, and supporting documentation. Engaged with the Registry of the Court and opposing counsel on procedural matters, ensuring adherence to the Court's Rules and timelines. Collaborated with the litigation team to anticipate procedural challenges, prepare rebuttals, and align legal reasoning with evidentiary presentation. Advised national authorities on procedural follow-up, implementation measures, and external communication related to the ongoing proceedings. Contributed to broader reflections on inter-State litigation before the African Court, including procedural reform, State compliance, and the institutional development of the African human rights system. Participated in oral hearings before the Court on preliminary exceptions, presenting legal arguments and responding to questions from the Bench. Presented compelling arguments in court proceedings, achieving favourable rulings for the client on preliminary exceptions. Drafted legal opinions and memoranda on complex issues relating to the case's next steps.
06/2023 - Current	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Judicial Service Commission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- <i>Post title:</i>	Public Prosecutor
- <i>Other information:</i>	Main Tasks and Responsibilities: Led the Prosecution Service at the jurisdictional level, overseeing the enforcement of criminal law and ensuring effective and impartial administration of justice. Supervised and coordinated the work of Deputy Public Prosecutors and judicial police officers, providing strategic guidance and ensuring procedural compliance. Developed and implemented prosecution strategies in complex criminal, economic, and human rights cases to enhance the efficiency and coherence of prosecutorial action. Directed and monitored criminal investigations, ensuring the legality, timeliness, and integrity of proceedings from inquiry to trial.

	Represented the State and the public interest before national courts in criminal, civil, and administrative matters. Ensured the execution of judicial decisions and the enforcement of legislation and regulations relevant to public order and justice. Advised and assisted judicial authorities by issuing reasoned opinions and recommendations on matters within the competence of the Public Prosecution Service. Promoted professional ethics, discipline, and capacity-building among subordinate prosecutors and judicial officers. - Contributed to national crime policy development, participating in inter-institutional meetings and judicial reform initiatives.
2023 - 07/2025	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Ministry of Justice of the DR Congo - Task Force International Justice
- <i>Post title:</i>	State Counsel at the International Court of Justice
- <i>Other information:</i>	Main Tasks and Responsibilities: Acted as Counsel before the International Court of Justice in the advisory proceedings relating to the Request for an Advisory Opinion on the Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change, addressing issues of State obligations in respect of Climate Change under international law. Contributed to the drafting of the written statement and supporting documentation submitted on behalf of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Conducted legal research and drafted legal arguments relating to the interpretation and application of customary international law, human rights instruments, and treaty obligations relevant to climate change. Participated in internal strategy sessions to frame the legal position of the DRC in alignment with broader multilateral climate justice initiatives.
2023 - 2024	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Ministry of Justice of the DR Congo - Task Force International Justice
- <i>Post title:</i>	State Counsel at International Tribunal for the Law of Sea
- <i>Other information:</i>	Main Tasks and Responsibilities: Served as Counsel before ITLOS in the Advisory Opinion on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS), contributing to the development of the DRC's legal position on the obligations of States under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). Drafted written observations and coordinated legal inputs addressing procedural issues (jurisdiction and admissibility) and substantive questions (primary and secondary obligations of States); Conducted legal and policy research on the emerging intersection between climate change, ocean governance, and State responsibility. Assisted in formulating submissions concerning the interpretation of UNCLOS provisions on due diligence, environmental impact assessment, and cooperation. Engaged with the Registry and expert advisors to ensure procedural compliance and technical accuracy of submissions. Supported the alignment of the DRC's intervention with its broader environmental diplomacy and international climate commitments.
09/2019 - 08/2023	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law
- <i>Post title:</i>	Research Fellow
- <i>Other information:</i>	Main Tasks and Responsibilities: Conducted interdisciplinary research on international dispute settlement and procedural law, covering both judicial and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

	Contributed to the Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law (MPEiPro) through the drafting, reviewing, and editing of scholarly entries on international adjudication and procedural developments. Supported the editorial coordination of the MPEiPro project by monitoring submissions, ensuring terminological and structural consistency, and liaising with contributors and editors. Produced research notes, analytical briefs, and background reports for institutional projects and academic publications. Organised and participated in international conferences, workshops, and lectures on procedural law, transitional justice, and dispute resolution. Maintained active collaboration with scholars and institutions within and beyond the Max Planck network, fostering comparative and multidisciplinary approaches to procedural justice. Monitored and analysed jurisprudence of international courts and tribunals (ICJ, ICC, ITLOS, ICSID, ECHR, etc.) to identify emerging procedural trends. Authored and co-authored peer-reviewed publications, contributing to the advancement of knowledge in international and comparative procedural law. Presented research findings at academic conferences, enhancing the Institute's scholarly visibility and engagement in global research networks.
03/2016 - 06/2023	
- <i>Employer:</i> - <i>Post title:</i> - <i>Other information:</i>	Judicial Service Commission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo High Court Judge Main Tasks and Responsibilities: Presided over complex civil and criminal cases, ensuring fair, impartial, and timely adjudication. Drafted detailed legal opinions and judgments clarifying the interpretation and application of statutes, regulations, and constitutional provisions. Reviewed pleadings, motions, and evidence to assess admissibility and relevance in accordance with procedural law. Mentored judicial staff on courtroom management, evidentiary standards, and ethical conduct. Streamlined case management and scheduling practices, significantly reducing the backlog of pending cases. Addressed potential conflicts of interest transparently, reinforcing public confidence in judicial integrity. Participated in legal reform and professional training initiatives, sharing insights drawn from judicial experience. Promoted public trust in the judiciary through outreach activities and engagement in legal education events.
2023	
- <i>Employer:</i> - <i>Post title:</i> - <i>Other information:</i>	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo Plenipotentiary Delegate - Treaty Negotiation Main Tasks and Responsibilities: Represented the Democratic Republic of the Congo as Plenipotentiary Delegate in the diplomatic negotiations leading to the adoption of the Ljubljana–The Hague Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, War Crimes, and Other International Crimes (MLA Convention). Participated in plenary sessions and drafting committees, contributing to the negotiation of substantive and procedural provisions relating to mutual legal assistance and international judicial cooperation. Advocated for national positions and legal priorities of the DRC concerning accountability for international crimes, protection of victims and witnesses, and cooperation among States.

	Provided expert legal input on provisions related to evidence-sharing, extradition, and jurisdictional cooperation mechanisms under international criminal law. Engaged in bilateral and multilateral consultations with State delegations, international organisations, and observer missions to build consensus on key treaty articles. Coordinated with the DRC's Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Foreign Affairs to align negotiation positions with national legislative and institutional frameworks. Contributed to the final review and adoption of the Convention's text, ensuring that the negotiated provisions reflected equitable international cooperation standards. Enhanced DRC's visibility and engagement in global efforts to strengthen accountability mechanisms for atrocity crimes. Conducted thorough research on relevant issues, providing accurate information to inform decision-making processes.
2023	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Ljubljana MLA Diplomatic Conference
- <i>Post title:</i>	Member of the Legal Drafting Committee
- <i>Other information:</i>	Main Tasks and Responsibilities: Served as a member of the Legal Drafting Committee appointed by the plenary of the Ljubljana Diplomatic Conference to finalise the text of the MLA Convention. Reviewed, refined, and harmonised treaty provisions to ensure legal coherence, consistency of terminology, and conformity with international treaty-drafting standards. Drafted and edited legal formulations of complex provisions relating to mutual legal assistance, extradition, evidence cooperation, and international judicial procedures. Assessed the compatibility of proposed amendments and revisions with existing international legal instruments and principles of State sovereignty and jurisdiction. Collaborated closely with the Committee Chair, rapporteurs, and representatives of States and international organisations to reconcile divergent legal positions and achieve consensus on final wording. Ensured linguistic and structural consistency across English and French versions of the Convention, in line with diplomatic drafting conventions. Provided expert legal interpretation during plenary discussions and working sessions, clarifying the scope and implications of specific treaty provisions. Contributed to the preparation of the final consolidated text submitted for adoption by the plenary of the Conference. Proved ability to learn quickly and adapt to new situations. Managed time efficiently to complete all tasks within deadlines.
11/2018 - 02/2022	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Ministry of Justice of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- <i>Post title:</i>	Legal Assistant to Counsel before the International Court of Justice – Case concerning Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (DRC V Uganda) - Reparation Phase.
- <i>Other information:</i>	Assisted the counsel team representing the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the reparations phase before the International Court of Justice. Conducted comprehensive legal research on State responsibility, reparations for internationally wrongful acts, and procedural compliance with ICJ rules. Analysed jurisprudence from the ICJ and other international tribunals (IACtHR, ECHR, PCIJ) on the quantification and forms of reparation for large-scale human rights and humanitarian law violations.

	Reviewed and evaluated evidence and expert reports on loss of life, displacement, property destruction, and natural resource exploitation. Drafted legal memoranda, correspondence, and sections of written pleadings addressing causation, valuation of damages, and methodologies for calculating compensation. Coordinated and verified documentary evidence to ensure accuracy and procedural conformity. Participated in internal strategy meetings to align legal arguments, factual narratives, and expert testimony, and assisted in preparing hearing materials and responses to the Court's questions. Prepared post-judgment analytical notes on the Court's reasoning and its implications for the law of reparations and State responsibility.
07/2009 - 03/2016 - <i>Employer:</i> - <i>Post title:</i> - <i>Other information:</i>	Judicial Service Commission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo Deputy Public Prosecutor Ensured compliance with legislative and regulatory acts, as well as the execution of judicial decisions, in matters affecting public order and the rule of law. Supervised the enforcement of criminal law and initiated proceedings ex officio in cases involving the public interest. Led the prosecution of several complex criminal cases, ensuring adherence to legal standards and procedural integrity. Oversaw and coordinated the activities of judicial police officers, ensuring legality and effectiveness in investigations. Maintained order in courts and tribunals, without prejudice to the presiding judge's authority over courtroom discipline. Represented the Prosecution Service before all judicial bodies, including the Court of Cassation, Courts of Appeal, and First Instance and Peace Tribunals, participating in hearings without taking part in deliberations. Investigated criminal offences, received complaints and denunciations, directed investigations, and initiated prosecutions before competent courts. Acted in civil and administrative matters by providing reasoned legal opinions or initiating actions in the public interest or on behalf of vulnerable persons unable to defend their rights. Requested the appointment of legal counsel or guardians to assist individuals lacking legal representation. Intervened ex officio as a principal or intervening party whenever the law so required or when the public interest demanded prosecutorial involvement. Promoted the protection of rights and public order through impartial prosecution, judicial oversight, and strict enforcement of the law.
OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: - Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries	
Consultancy	- June-August 2025 : Senior Legal Expert, Investigation and Analysis of Massive Crimes and Genocide committed in the DRC, Fonds National des Réparations des Victimes des Violences Sexuelles liées aux Conflits et des Victimes des Crimes contre la paix et la sécurité de l'humanité (FONAREV). - 2003 – Present : Human Rights Law Expert for preparing a VVLIR-UOS-funded project (REINFORCE project). - February- July 2018, Short-term Consultancy, Human Rights-Based Approach to Development, Belgian Development Agency - ENABEL. Editorship - Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law – Associate Editor - The Military Law and the Law of War Review – Peer Reviewer - African Human Rights Yearbook – Peer Reviewer - Revue Québécoise de droit international – Peer Reviewer

Volunteering

- May 2025 - Present: Deputy President of the French Network of International Law (Réseau francophone de droit international) in charge of Research.
- 2014 - 2023: Country Director, Initiatives for Peace and Human Rights (iPeace)

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Books

Monography

- L'obligation d'extrader ou de poursuivre les auteurs des crimes internationaux : combler les lacunes du droit conventionnel (Bruxelles, Bruylant, 2025)

International Journal Articles

- 'Environmental Obligations of Business Entities in Armed Conflicts, International Review of the Red Cross, 2024, 1-31, [with Benjamin Traôré].
- 'Prosecuting Rape as a War Crime in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Challenges and Lessons learned from Military Tribunals' (2021) 59(1) The Military Law and the Law of War Review 44 [with Pacifique Muhindo].
- 'Fashioning Rights in the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights: Understanding the Proceduralisation of Substantive Rights' (2020) 4 African Human Rights Yearbook 1.
- « Le Système africain de protection des droits de l'homme et le droit international humanitaire » (2018) 2 Annuaire Africain des Droits de l'Homme 1 [with Junior Mumbala, A.].
- "Does the United Nations Convention Against Torture Oblige States Parties to Criminalise Torture in their Domestic Laws?" (2019), Harvard International Law Journal.
- 'The (Un)Willingness to Implement the Recommendations of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights: Revisiting the Endorois and Mamboleo decisions' (2018) 2 African Human Rights Yearbook 400 [with Inman, D., Smis, S. and Bahati Bahalaokwibuye, C.].
- « Repenser la création fragmentée des juridictions pénales internationalisées en Afrique au profit de la Cour africaine de justice, des droits de l'homme et des peuples » (2017) 1 Revue Belge de Droit International 313 [with Stefaan Smis].
- « Le régime des obligations positives de prévenir et de poursuivre à défaut d'extrader ou de remettre prévues dans le texte des projets d'articles sur les crimes contre l'humanité provisoirement adoptés par la Commission du droit international » (2017) 30(1) Revue québécoise de droit international 1 [with Stefaan Smis].

Chapters

- "The Proceduralisation of Substantive Rights: African Human Rights System", in H. Ruiz Fabri, E. Stopioni, O. Baillet (eds), Human Rights and Procedure: Perspectives in International Law (Hart, Forthcoming).
- « À propos de quelques développements récents en droit international pénal. Notes cursives sur le projet de convention sur la prévention et la répression des crimes contre l'humanité », in Segihobe, J.P. et Mingashang, I. (dir.), Le droit pénal entre douleur et enchantement dans le contexte contemporain. Liber amicorum doyen Raphaël Nyabirungu, Bruxelles, Bruylant, 2021, pp. 803-866.
- « La justiciabilité des droits économiques, sociaux et culturels dans la jurisprudence congolaise », in Muhindo Madadju, P. et Cifende, M. (dir.), Normativité et pratiques juridictionnelles : la mise en œuvre des droits de l'homme en R.D. Congo. Liber amicorum Bâtonnier Thomas Lwango Kanshavu, Paris, Le Harmattan, 2022, Tome I, pp. 315-336.

Encyclopedic Entries

- "Individual Complaint: African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACtHPR), in Ruiz Fabri, H. (ed), Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law (Oxford University Press) [forthcoming, 2026].

- “Trial: International Criminal Courts and Tribunals”, in Ruiz Fabri, H. (ed), Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law (Oxford University Press) [forthcoming, 2026].
- “The Special Criminal Court in the Central African Republic: Procedural Aspects”, in Ruiz Fabri, H. (ed), Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law (Oxford University Press, 2022).

International Law Blogs

- ‘Symposium on Ljubljana – The Hague Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance: Critical Reflections – The Aut Dedere Aut Judicare Obligation’ (OpinioJuris, 31 July 2023).
- [with Bruno Biazatti] ‘The Ljubljana – The Hague Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance: Was the Gap Closed?’, (EJIL: Talk!, Blog of the European Journal of International Law, 12 June 2023).
- States of Justice Symposium: What If We Took the ‘Unwilling or Unable’ Seriously?, Symposium on Oumar Ba’s new book States of Justice: The Politics of International Criminal Court (OpinioJuris, 19 August 2020).
- [with Tetevi Davi] ‘Another One Bites the Dust: Côte d’Ivoire to End Individual and NGO Access to the African Court’ (EJIL: Talk!, Blog of the European Journal of International Law, 19 May 2020).
- (with Jakjimovska Viktorija), ‘Protecting the Environment in Non-International Armed Conflicts: Are We There Yet?’ (EJIL: Talk!, Blog of the European Journal of International Law, 16 July 2019).

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

- Lawfare and the Procedural Limits of International Adjudication’, Workshop on Beyond Diplomacy & Legality: The Implications of the Continued Judicialization of Peace and Security, University of Luxembourg, 26-27 January 2026.
- Procedural Cross-Fertilisation and Judicial Autonomy in the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights: Reflections on the DRC v. Rwanda Judgment, Guest Lecture, University of Luxembourg, 28 January 2026.
- ‘Applying the Laws of War to Digital Battlefields. State Responsibility and Attribution Challenges’, 10th edition of Great Lakes Regional Training Programme in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Conference on Navigating the Legal and Ethical Challenges of Drones, Cyber Warfare, and Artificial Intelligence in Armed Conflict’, Nairobi, 2025.
- [co-organising] ‘Evacuation of Civilians in Armed Conflicts’, Great Lakes Regional Training Programme in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Kigali, 11 – 16 November 2024.
- ‘New International Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition: What Perspective for preventing and punishing international crimes in Africa?’, 10th Forum of the African Union International Law Commission, African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa, 20-21 May 2024.
- ‘New International Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition: what perspective?’, Conference on Combating Impunity for International Crimes: The EU’s Response to the War in Ukraine and Beyond, Université libre de Bruxelles, 19 March 2024.
- ‘A Major Development to End Impunity for Mass Atrocities: The Ljubljana – The Hague Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of the Crime of Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, War Crimes and other International Crimes’, Conference organised by Cardozo Law School in New York and the American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA), 15 November 2023.
- ‘Recent Development in International Criminal Law: The Ljubljana – The Hague Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance’, Great Lakes Regional Training Programme in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Kigali, 10 October 2023.
- ‘The ILC Draft Principles on Protection of the Environment in Armed Conflict’, Armed Conflicts and Preservation of the Biodiversity in the Great Lakes Region: Assessment and Prospects, Great Lakes Regional Training Programme in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Kigali, 9 October 2023.
- ‘The Proceduralisation of Substantive Rights: African Human Rights System’, Conference on Human Rights and Procedure: Perspectives of International Law, Max Planck Institute, Luxembourg, 6-7 July 2023.

- 'The Ljubljana – The Hague Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of the Crime of Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, War Crimes and other International Crimes', Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law, Luxembourg, 7 June 2023.
- 'The Obligation to Extradite or Prosecute those accused of Committing International Crimes: Filling Gaps in Treaty Law', Max Planck Institute, Luxembourg, 11 January 2023.
- 'The Obligation to Extradite or Prosecute for International Crimes under Customary International Law. Demystifying the Myth of Jus Cogens Norms, L&C Talks, VUB, Brussels, 16 December 2022.
- 'Prosecuting Rape as War Crime in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: lessons and challenges learned from military tribunals', 22nd Congress of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, Florence, Italy, 10-14 May 2022.
- 'Fashioning Rights in the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights', ITLOS/NIPPON Foundation Training Seminar, Max Planck Institute, Luxembourg, 22 April 2022.
- 'Shaping the Future of Aut Dedere Aut Judicare: The Curious Sword Function of Human Rights', Annual Max Planck Law Conference, Berlin, 25-27 October 2021.
- 'Child Soldiers in the Jurisprudence of the International Criminal Court', Conference on Child Soldiers and the Consideration of Local Issues in International Jurisprudence, University of Geneva, 13 October 2021.
- 'Human Rights and Military Operations', at the 2nd ICRC conference on Respecting and Ensuring Respect for International Humanitarian Law, 11 June 2021.
- 'La compétence des États et le jugement des terroristes', 17th Annual Colloquium of the Réseau francophone de droit international, 10 May 2021.
- 'The Shaping Effect of Procedure at the International Criminal Court (ICC)', a masterclass on 'What is procedural law? The Power of Procedure', Max Planck Law Network, 15 January 2021.
- 'The Shaping Effect of Procedure at the International Criminal Court (ICC)', 2020-2021 ITLOS/NIPPON Foundation Training Seminar, 17 February 2021.
- 'Guillaume Soro v Côte d'Ivoire: Order for Interim Measures (ACtHPR, 22 April 2020)', Rapid Reaction Seminar, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law, 22 May 2020.
- 'La portée de l'obligation de poursuivre le génocide en droit international: Apport de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme', International Colloquium on the Crime of Genocide in the Light of the Jurisprudence of International and National Courts: from the International Military Tribunal (IMT) of Nuremberg to the International Criminal Court (ICC), Université Catholique de Lyon, November 7, 2019.
- 'The Draft Articles on Crimes Against Humanity adopted by the International Law Commission' (Le Midi of the Centre for International and European Law (CeDie), Louvain-la-Neuve, 22 January 2019).
- 'Clarifying the Scope and Application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction', (54th edition of the UNOG-ODG International Law Seminar, Geneva, 19 July 2018).
- 'The ILC Draft Articles on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity, (VUB L&C TALKS, Brussels, 12 May 2017).
- [Co-organiser] '70 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: What to celebrate today?' (Great Lakes Regional Training Programme in international humanitarian law and human rights, Kigali, 10 December 2018).
- [Co-organiser] 'Maintaining the Rule of Law in Emergency and Armed Conflict situations' (Great Lakes Regional Training Programme in international humanitarian law and human rights, Kigali, 12 December 2017).
- [co-organising] 'The Future of International Crime's Prosecution in Africa' (Great Lakes Regional Training Programme in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Kigali, 15 December 2016).

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

- Belgian Society of International Law
- Belgian Network of Junior Researchers in International Law
- Alumni Association of the International Law Commission's International Law Seminar

• Asian Society of International Law • Francophone International Law Network • Quebec Society of International Law
AWARDS AND HONOURS
- Winner (2e awards) of the best article published in international humanitarian law by the International Committee of the Red Cross (2020). - Visiting Research Fellowship, Max Plank Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law (March – September 2019). - PhD scholarship, Catholic University of Leuven (2019) - Fellowship, International Law Commission (2018) - PhD scholarship, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (2018) - Scholarship Global Minds - mobility grant for a joint PhD (Vlir-Uos), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (2017) - Best Magistrate Award, Congolese Civil Society (2017) - Fellowship, The Hague Academy of International Law (2016) - PhD Exchange Mobility Grant - Erasmus Mundus Programme, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (2015).
PERSONAL INTERESTS
- Reading (with a particular interest in history, international affairs and legal thought); cooking; sports; and international travel, reflecting a sustained openness to diverse cultures and perspectives.
OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

2. ANKUMAH, Evelyn (Ghana)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

I have the honour, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Ghana, to convey the nomination of Ms. Evelyn Ama Ankumah as a candidate for election as Judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC) for 2027-2036 term, at the elections during the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties, at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 7 to 17 December 2026.

This nomination is submitted pursuant to article 36(4) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, which provides for the nomination and election of Judges of the Court, and in accordance with the Procedure for the Nomination and Election of Judges adopted by the Assembly of States Parties.

The candidature of Ms. Ankumah reflects Ghana's steadfast commitment to the promotion of international criminal justice, accountability, and the rule of law, as well as the strengthening of the international legal order through credible and principled multilateral institutions.

Ms. Evelyn Ama Ankumah is a distinguished lawyer and internationally recognized human rights and international criminal justice advocate, with extensive professional experience across Africa, Europe, and North America. She is the Founder and Executive Director of Africa Legal Aid (AFLA), a leading pan-African institution that has advanced access to justice, victim-centred approaches, and accountability mechanisms for vulnerable and marginalized communities.

Ms. Ankumah has made remarkable contributions to strengthening international justice systems, including through sustained initiatives promoting gender-sensitive and victim-centred justice, as well as promoting African engagement with international criminal justice processes. She is also a Special Adviser to the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, contributing expert legal perspectives and supporting global efforts aimed at strengthening international accountability.

Her professional and scholarly engagements reflect strong competence in international adjudication, judicial reasoning, and institutional leadership. She has served as a Research Fellow and Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Department of International and European Law, Maastricht University, and has been engaged in advancing international legal norms and African perspectives in international justice discourse.

Ms. Ankumah's academic and professional qualifications include a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from the William Mitchell College of Law, Saint Paul, Minnesota, United States of America, and an Advanced Diploma in Human Rights from the International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France. She has also authored and edited several works on international criminal justice, human rights, and African legal perspectives, reflecting her intellectual depth and longstanding dedication to law and justice.

Beyond her legal credentials, Ms. Ankumah's extensive service demonstrates integrity, independence, fairness, and sound judgment – qualities essential for judicial office at the ICC. Her leadership in legal institutional development, combined with decades of practical engagement with victims' rights and justice systems, makes her exceptionally well-suited to contribute meaningfully to the Court's mandate.

At a time when international criminal justice remains vital to global peace, accountability, and human dignity, the Government of Ghana is confident that Ms. Ankumah's experience, competence, and commitment to justice will make her an invaluable asset to the bench of the Court. Ghana therefore submits her candidature for the esteemed consideration of the Assembly of States Parties.

Enclosed herewith are the curriculum vitae and statement of qualification of Ms. Evelyn Ama Ankumah for the information and consideration of the Assembly of States Parties.

Statement of qualifications

The Government of the Republic of Ghana has decided to nominate Evelyn A Ankumah for the position of Judge of the International Criminal Court, in the elections scheduled to take place during the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP), from 7-17 December 2026, at the United Nations in New York.

Article 36, paragraph 3(a) and (b) of the Rome Statute, in accordance with article 36 paragraph 4(a) of the Statute

Evelyn A Ankumah is of recognised high moral character, impartiality and integrity, and meets the qualifications required for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Ghana. She is a distinguished Lawyer, a Human Rights Advocate and the Founder and Executive Director of Africa Legal Aid (AFLA). With extensive legal experience across Africa, Europe and North America, she has been a key figure in advancing international criminal justice, particularly, in promoting gender-sensitive and victim-centred approaches. She has led initiatives addressing marginalised rights issues, accountability and access to justice. In February 2025, she was appointed Special Adviser to the Office of the ICC Prosecutor.

Article 36, paragraph 5 of the Statute - nomination under List A or B

Evelyn A Ankumah has been nominated under list B, which requires ‘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 which is of relevance to the judicial work of the Court’. A specialist in the law of human rights and international criminal law, Evelyn Ankumah has over thirty years of experience as a jurist, advocate and an author of many relevant publications. She is the initiator and coordinator of the Gender Mentoring Training Programme for Judges of International Courts and Tribunals, strengthening judicial capacity to deliver gender-sensitive rulings. Her advocacy for victims’ rights and defence counsels was a driving force behind the establishment of the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA). Evelyn A Ankumah’s engagements with diverse categories of international justice stakeholders, including victims, defence counsels, prosecutors and judges, are attributes of requisite broad knowledge, impartiality and fairness for an ICC judge.

Article 36, paragraph 8(a) (i), (ii), (iii) and 8(b) of the Statute – principle legal systems, equitable geographical balance, fair representation of female and male judges, legal expertise on specific issues including but not limited to violence against women and children

Evelyn A Ankumah’s foundational legal training is in the Common Law System. Through education in comparative law and experience in the Civil Law System, she is also well-versed in the latter and appreciates the values of both systems.

A native of Ghana, founder and executive director of Africa Legal Aid (AFLA), Evelyn Ankumah has been nominated under the Group of African States.

Evelyn A Ankumah is female.

Evelyn A Ankumah has specific expertise on violence against women, children, marginalised and vulnerable groups. Significantly, her victim-centred and gender-sensitive approach to justice addresses the root cause of violence.

Through AFLA, Evelyn A Ankumah has addressed other specific, under-treated and topical justice issues, including the use of artificial intelligence in international criminal courts, and review of the amendments on the crime of aggression.

In 2009, Evelyn A Ankumah shared African perspectives at the first public meeting of the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative. The purpose of this experts’ meeting was to study the need for a comprehensive convention on crimes against humanity and begin drafting a model treaty. On 4 December 2024, the United Nations General Assembly took the historical decision to convene a negotiating conference to elaborate and adopt a new convention on the Prevention and Punishment on Crimes Against Humanity (the CAH Convention), to commence in January 2026 and conclude in 2029. Evelyn Ankumah currently serves on the steering committee of the Crimes Against Humanity Treaty Coordination.

Commitment of availability for full time service

Evelyn Ankumah commits to be available for full time service when the Court's workload so requires.

Curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	ANKUMAH	
FIRST NAME:	Evelyn	
MIDDLE NAME:	Ama	
GENDER:	Female	
DATE OF BIRTH:	02/05/64	
NATIONALITY:	Ghanaian	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Africa	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)	Dutch	
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List B	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: Fantsi	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Basic	(oral) Basic
- OTHERS	Dutch : (written) Intermediate	(oral) Intermediate
	Twi :	(oral) Advanced
	Ga :	(oral) Advanced
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the "+" sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i>		
08/2017 - 08/2017 - <i>Institution:</i> Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University & Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> International Arbitration Training Certificate		
07/1990 - 08/1990 - <i>Institution:</i> International Institute for Human Rights, Strasbourg, France - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Diploma for Human Rights Researchers and Lecturers		
05/1989 - 07/1989 - <i>Institution:</i> Minnesota Bar Review Course and Exam Prep - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Admitted to the State and Federal Courts of Minnesota		
08/1984 - 01/1988 - <i>Institution:</i> William Mitchell College of Law, St Paul, Minnesota - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Juris Doctor (JD)		

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: *Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)*- *Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries*- *Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate***04/1997 - To date**

- *Employer:* Africa Legal Aid (AFLA)
- *Post title:* Executive Director
- *Other information:*
 - Appointed Special Adviser to the Office of the ICC Prosecutor in February 2025.
 - Advancing international criminal justice, particularly through gender-sensitive and victim-centred approaches.
 - Led initiatives addressing marginalised rights issues, accountability and access to justice.
 - Instrumental in shaping legal frameworks for human rights and justice.
 - Convener of the Review of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression, mobilising African States Parties to the ICC to engage in reform of international criminal law.
 - Contributed African perspectives at the first public meeting of the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative in 2009. The purpose of the experts’ meeting with contributions from international criminal law experts like Prof Leila Sadat, Prof William Schabas, Judge Christine van den Wyngaert, Judge Richard Goldstone and Prof Cherif Bassiouni, was to study the need for a comprehensive convention on crimes against humanity and begin drafting a model treaty.
 - Coordinator of the Gender Mentoring Training Programme for Judges of International Courts and Tribunals, strengthening judicial capacity to deliver gender-sensitive rulings.
 - My advocacy for victims' rights and defence counsels was a driving force in the establishment of the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA).
 - Initiated the preparation and adoption of the Cairo-Arusha Principles on Universal Jurisdiction, thereby promoting accountability for the most serious crimes.
 - Contribute to shaping discourse on international justice and accountability.
 - Editor and author of six books, and over forty editions of the AFLA Quarterly journal.
 - Influencing global efforts towards justice, accountability and human rights.

06/1995 - 03/1997

- *Employer:* Africa Legal Aid (AFLA)
- *Post title:* Initiator of Africa Legal Aid (AFLA)
- *Other information:* Launched AFLA – Attended to governance issues including legal registration, board building, recruiting volunteers, fund raising, engagement with human rights and justice communities, and building a sustainable base of support.

05/1993 - 05/1995

- *Employer:* Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, the Netherlands
- *Post title:* Research Fellow
- *Other information:*
 - Authored the first monograph (a practical book) on the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. Originally published by Kluwer Law International, the book was subsequently published in French and Arabic by the erstwhile African Society of International and Comparative Law.
 - Gave lectures on human rights and international law.

07/1992 - 04/1993

- *Employer:* Centre for European Studies, Maastricht University
- *Post title:* Guest Lecturer
- *Other information:* Taught European and International Law

10/1991 - 06/1992

- *Employer:* Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee
- *Post title:* Africa Programme Director
- *Other information:* Initiated an Africa Programme; obtained observer status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights; supported the African Commission during its formative years, preliminary assessing complaints submitted to the Commission, drawing on the jurisprudence of the Inter-American and European human rights systems.

01/1990 - 01/1991

- *Employer:* Faculty of Law Maastricht University
- *Post title:* Research Fellow on Human Rights and International Law
- *Other information:*
 - Published three articles on the African Human Rights System in International Journals.
 - Gave lectures on human rights and international law.

06/1987-12/1989

- *Employer:* Ramsey County District Court, St Paul Minnesota
- *Post title:* Law Clerk
- *Other information:* Supported judges by conducting legal research, drafting legal documents, and supporting court proceedings.

06/1986-05/1987

- *Employer:* Minneapolis City Attorney's Office
- *Post title:* Law Clerk
- *Other information:* Supported the attorneys by conducting legal research, drafting memos, briefs and assisting in court.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Please click the "+" sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries

07/2025 - Present

- *Activity:* Member, Steering Committee, Crimes Against Humanity Treaty Coordination

07/2025 - Present

- *Activity:* Member, Global Justice Group on Gender and International Justice on the Crimes Against Humanity Treaty

05//2018 – Present

- *Activity:* Member of Advisory Board, Solo Sandeng Foundation

04/1999 – 10/2006

- *Activity:* Board Member, European Centre for Development Policy Management

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS**BOOKS**

- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, The International Criminal Court and Africa: One Decade On, Intersentia 2016, 676 pages.
- Evelyn A Ankumah, Edward K Kwakwa Eds, African Perspectives on International Criminal Justice, Africa Legal Aid, 2005, 284 pages.

- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, Litigating Economic and Social Rights in Africa, Africa Legal Aid, 2004, 206 pages
- Evelyn A Ankumah, Edward K Kwakwa Eds, The Legal Profession and the Protection of Human Rights in Africa, 1999, 180 pages.
- Evelyn A Ankumah, The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights: Practice and Procedures, Kluwer Law International, 1996, 246 pages.

JOURNALS

- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, A Victim-Centred and Gender-Sensitive Approach to Justice in Southern Africa: Shared Lessons, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, January-March 2023.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, Lessons from the Gbagbo and Blé Goudé Case and ICC Review, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, Special Edition 2019.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, Engaging the African Youth in Justice and Peace Building, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, 2nd Special Edition 2018.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, Special Edition 2018.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, Carrying Forward the Innovations of the Extraordinary African Chambers for the Prosecution of Hissène Habré, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, January- March 2017.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, Africa and International Justice: After Kampala, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, April- June 2010.
- Evelyn A Ankumah, Ed, On the Shores of Lake Victoria: Africa and the ICC Review Conference, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, January-March 2010.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, Adopting a Holistic Approach to Gender Justice, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, January-March 2009.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, Gender Justice and the Legacy of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, Double Edition July-December 2008.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, The Interface Between Peace and International Justice in Africa, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, Double Edition July-December 2007.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, Women in Conflict Situations in Africa, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, July-September 2003.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, Africa and the International Criminal Court, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, January-March 2003.
- Evelyn A Ankumah Ed, African Perspectives on Universal Jurisdiction for International Crimes, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) Quarterly, July-September 2001.

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

CONVENED THE FOLLOWING SEMINARS THROUGH AFRICA LEGAL AID (AFLA)

- Reforming the Crime of Aggression Regime: The DRC As a Test Case, ASP Side Event, The Hague, 1 December 2025.

- Promoting Complementarity and Building National Capacity in the DRC, ASP Side Event, The Hague, 2 December 2025.
- Victim-Centred and Gender-Sensitive Approaches to Justice in the DRC, ASP Side Event, The Hague, 3 December 2025.
- AFLA-ASP Special Session on Review of the Amendments on the Crime of Aggression: A Time to Harmonise and Amend, New York, 8 July 2025.
- Follow-up Retreat: Review of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression, Accra, Ghana, 20-21 May 2025
- AFLA-ASP Side Event on the Review of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression: Perspective of African States Parties, The Hague, 2 December 2024.
- Review of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression: Mobilising African States Parties to the International Criminal Court (ICC) to Raise Awareness and Generate Ownership, Johannesburg, 30-31 October 2024.
- The Use of Artificial Intelligence in International Criminal Courts, Gender Mentoring Training for Judges of International Courts and Tribunals, Maastricht University, 5 October 2023.
- Second Symposium on Preventing-Gender Based Violence in Southern Africa: Reason for Hope, Pretoria, 22-23 August 2024, held in cooperation with the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation.
- Pilot Symposium on Preventing Gender-Based Violence in Southern Africa, Pretoria, 29-30 August 2023, held in cooperation with the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation.
- Gender-Sensitive Judging in International Criminal Courts (ICC), AFLA-ASP Side Event, The Hague, 7 December 2021.
- Gender Issues Concerning Approaches to Female Counsels, Gender Mentoring Training for Judges of International Courts and Tribunals, Online, 29 May 2021.
- Gender Issues Concerning Approaches to Female Witnesses, Gender Mentoring Training for Judges of International Courts and Tribunals, Online, 27 February 2021.
- Emerging Trends on Complementarity: Consultations with Stakeholders from Central and East Africa, Kampala, 4-5 July 2018.
- Emerging Trends on Complementarity: Consultations with Stakeholders from West Africa, Banjul, 25-26 April 2018.
- Carrying Forward the Legacy of the Extraordinary African Chambers in the Habré Trial: An African Solution to an African Problem, Side Event at the 29th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union, Addis Ababa, 3-4 July 2017, held in cooperation with the Commission of the African Union.
- Complementarity, the Hissène Habré Trial, and the Evolution of Universal Jurisdiction, Dakar, 30 May -1 June 2016.
- Universalizing the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Johannesburg, 18-19 May 2015.
- Cooperation, Defence Perspectives, and Clarifying the Immunity Debate, ASP Side Event, New York, 12 December 2014.
- Africa and the International Criminal Court (ICC): Lessons Learned and Synergies Ahead, Johannesburg, 9-10 September 2014.
- Africa and the ICC: Engaging North African and Francophone Countries, Tunis, 14-15 November 2013.
- Africa and the ICC: 10 years On, Arusha, 28 February-1 March 2013.
- The Al Bashir Arrest Warrant, The Hague, 26 April 2010.
- On the Shores of Lake Victoria: Africa and the International Criminal Court (ICC), Side Event at the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Kampala, 28 May 2010.

• Adopting a Holistic Approach to Gender Justice, Dakar, 6-7 March, held in cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). • Gender Justice and the Legacy of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), The Hague, 7-8 July 2007, held in cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice. • The Interface between Peace and International Justice in Africa, Accra, 22-23 June 2007, held in cooperation with the International Criminal Court. • The International Criminal Court and Africa: Introducing the ICC to Human Rights and Justice Sectors in Africa, Accra, 24-25 October 2003.
MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES
• International Gender Champions 2020 – Present. • Hague Arbitration Group, 2017 – Present. • Coalition for the International Criminal Court 2002 – Present. • African Society of International and Comparative Law, 1991-2003.
AWARDS AND HONOURS
• Inducted into the International Gender Champions (IGC) network in 2020. The IGC network is a leadership initiative promoting gender equality and international justice. • Recognised by Power List Magazine in 2014, as one of 25 Africans significantly contributing to the continent's progress.
PERSONAL INTERESTS
• Reading • Writing • Cooking
OTHER RELEVANT FACTS
NOTABLE AUDIENCE AND PRESENTATIONS UPON REQUEST OF ICC STAKEHOLDERS • Evelyn A Ankumah, <i>Understanding Complementarity</i>, The Hague Working Group of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties (HWG) Information Session on Complementarity in Practice, The Hague, 30 October 2018. • Evelyn A Ankumah, <i>Sharing African Lessons on Universalising the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court with Asian Stakeholders</i>, 57th Annual Meeting of the Asian African Legal Consultative Organisation (AALCO), Tokyo, 11 October 2018. Participated upon invitation of the Governments of Japan and the Netherlands. • Evelyn A Ankumah, <i>EU Support for the ICC from an African Perspective</i>, Committee for Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament and its Sub Commission on Human Rights, EU Action Plan to Deepen its Future Support of the ICC, Brussels, 12 July 2011.

3. CHIZUMILA, Tujilane (Republic of Malawi)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Malawi presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and has the honour to refer to the Secretariat's note ICC-ASP/25/SP/01/Corr.2 dated 11 December 2025 regarding the nomination and election of judges of ICC during the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties in New York, from 7 to 17 December 2026.

The Ministry has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the Government of the Republic of Malawi has nominated Honourable Justice Tujilane R. Chizumila as a candidate for election as Judge of the Court list A. Justice Chizumila is a distinguished jurist with extensive experience in criminal law, international human rights law, and judicial administration gained at both national and international levels. She has served as a Judge of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and previously handled criminal cases with the Tanzania Legal Corporation. In addition, she brings valuable diplomatic and operational experience, including work on child protection, refugee rights, victim-centered justice, and the protection of vulnerable populations, which collectively demonstrate her strong grounding in international criminal law and will enable her to contribute effectively and decisively to the ICC bench.

The Ministry has attached to this note verbale a statement prepared in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4(a) and a curriculum vitae of Honourable Justice Tujilane R. Chizumila for the consideration of the Court.

Statement of qualifications

1. Introduction

The Government of the Republic of Malawi hereby submits the candidature of **Hon. Justice Tujilane Rose Chizumila** for election as Judge of the **International Criminal Court**.

Justice Chizumila fully satisfies the requirements set out in **article 36(3) of the Rome Statute**. She is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity, possessing the qualifications required for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Malawi.

She has served as Judge of the High Court of Malawi and as Judge of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, where she has completed nine years of international judicial service.

Across nearly five decades of legal and public service, Justice Chizumila has served as criminal advocate, international judge, public ombudsman, United Nations officer, diplomat, and legal scholar.

Her personal journey from refugee child to international judge reflects the transformative power of law and reinforces her enduring commitment to justice for victims of the gravest crimes under international law.

2. List A qualifications

Criminal law and procedure

Justice Chizumila qualifies under **List A (Criminal Law and Procedure)**.

She possesses over twenty years of extensive criminal litigation experience, during which she handled numerous and highly serious criminal cases involving complex evidentiary issues and the protection of due process rights.

Her criminal law experience includes:

- **10 years - Criminal Defence Counsel, Tanzania Legal Corporation**, representing accused persons in a wide range of criminal trials before the courts of Tanzania.

- **2 years - Advocate, Chizumila Msisha & Company**, practising criminal defence and representing clients in complex criminal proceedings.
- **1 year - Advocate, Savjani & Company**, handling criminal litigation before the courts.
- **5 years - Proprietor, Chizumila & Company**, establishing and leading the first female-owned legal practice in Malawi, managing complex criminal litigation including serious offences.
- **1.5 years - State Advocate and Legal Aid Counsel** – Ministry of Justice of Malawi, representing the State and providing legal defence to indigent accused persons in criminal proceedings.
- **1.5 years - Judge of the High Court of Malawi**, presiding over criminal and constitutional matters and ensuring the application of fair trial guarantees and due process protections.

Justice Chizumila’s criminal law expertise is further grounded in her decade-long service with the Tanzania Legal Corporation, a legal parastatal under the Ministry of Justice, where she represented accused persons in serious criminal prosecutions before Tanzanian courts. During this period, she developed extensive expertise in criminal procedure, evidentiary standards, and the protection of fair trial rights.

Through these roles, Justice Chizumila acquired extensive expertise in:

- Criminal trial procedure
- Evaluation of complex evidence
- Protection of due process and fair trial rights
- Criminal defence and prosecution practice
- Judicial adjudication of serious criminal offences

Her subsequent nine years as Judge of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights further involved adjudication of cases concerning grave human rights violations and state responsibility, matters that frequently intersect with international criminal accountability.

3. Independence and integrity

Throughout her nearly fifty years of professional service, Justice Chizumila has demonstrated unwavering commitment to judicial independence, integrity, and the rule of law.

Her record as judge, ombudsman, advocate, and public servant reflects strict adherence to fairness, impartiality, and respect for the rights of all parties before the law, as well as fidelity to the principles of justice embodied in the Rome Statute.

4. Contribution to the work of the Court

Justice Chizumila brings experience across national, regional, and international institutions, including judicial office, diplomatic representation, and humanitarian service.

This background equips her to contribute to the Court’s work with a strong understanding of both judicial responsibility and the broader international context in which the Court operates.

Her experience within international and regional institutions enables her to contribute constructively to strengthening dialogue between the Court, States Parties, and affected communities, while maintaining full judicial independence and impartiality.

Her international experience is further enriched by her work with the United Nations system, including with UNHCR and UNICEF, where she addressed issues relating to refugee protection, gender-based violence, and child rights. As a former Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Southern African Development

Community (SADC), she brings valuable diplomatic experience and a strong understanding of multilateral processes and international cooperation.

A former child refugee, Justice Chizumila offers a unique and profound perspective on issues of displacement, conflict, and human vulnerability. This lived experience enhances her judicial sensitivity and reinforces her commitment to justice for victims of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community.

5. African candidacy

Justice Chizumila's candidature reflects Africa's continued commitment to strengthening international justice while ensuring that the perspectives and experiences of African legal systems are constructively reflected within global institutions.

Having served within both national and continental judicial frameworks, she brings a deep understanding of the legal traditions, institutional realities, and aspirations of African States. Her election would contribute to reinforcing confidence in the Court across the African continent while advancing the shared global objective of accountability for the most serious crimes of concern to the international community.

6. Linguistic competence

Justice Chizumila is fluent in English and Swahili, and is fully capable of performing her judicial functions in one of the working languages of the Court.

7. Availability and commitment to serve

If elected, Justice Chizumila will be fully available to assume office and to perform the duties of Judge of the International Criminal Court on a full-time basis in accordance with the Rome Statute.

She is committed to serving the Court with complete independence, impartiality, and integrity, and to devoting her full professional capacity to the work of the Court for the duration of the mandate entrusted to her by the Assembly of States Parties.

8. Conclusion

Justice Chizumila brings to the International Criminal Court:

- Nearly 50 years of cumulative legal and judicial experience
- 9 years of international judicial service
- Over 20 years of criminal litigation experience
- Extensive expertise in international human rights and refugee law
- United Nations humanitarian field experience
- High-level diplomatic service
- Lived experience of displacement and statelessness, strengthening her commitment to justice for victims

Her election would significantly enhance the Court's criminal law expertise, international judicial experience, gender representation, and African judicial leadership.

Justice Chizumila stands ready to serve the Court with independence of judgment, fidelity to the Rome Statute, and dedication to the fair and impartial administration of international justice.

Curriculum vitae

Family Name:	CHIZUMILA	
FIRST NAME:	Tujilane	
MIDDLE NAME:	Rose	
GENDER:	Female	
DATE OF BIRTH:	14 May 1953	
NATIONALITY:	Malawi	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Africa	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)	N/A	
MARITAL STATUS:	Widow	
LIST A/LIST B	List A	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: Chichewa	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Basic	(oral) Basic
- OTHERS	Swahili : (written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
	German : (written) Intermediate	(oral) Intermediate
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i>		
07/1985 - 07/1988 - <i>Institution:</i> Christian-Albrecht University, Kiel, Germany - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Master’s Certification in International Law		
06/1982 - 12/1982 - <i>Institution:</i> Kenya School of Law / Commonwealth Secretariat, Nairobi - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> legislative Drafting Certificate		
07/1973- 07/1977 - <i>Institution:</i> University of Dar es Salaam - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Bachelor of Laws (LLB)		
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: <i>Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i> <i>- Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate</i>		
02/2017 - 02/2029 <i>Employer</i> African Court on Human and People's Rights (African Union) <i>Post title:</i> Judge		

<i>Other information:</i>	Justice Chizumila has served for nine years on Africa's highest human rights court, adjudicating cases involving: violations of fundamental rights under regional treaties, due process and fair trial guarantees, political rights and electoral justice, freedom of expression, gender-based discrimination and violence, protection of vulnerable populations. She has contributed to the development of continental jurisprudence interpreting the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and related instruments. My participation in the landmark decision in APDF & IHRDA v. Republic of Mali internationally recognized through the Gender Justice Uncovered Awards, strengthened legal protections against child marriage and discrimination against women.
06/2010 - 06/2015	
<i>Employer:</i>	Government of Malawi
- <i>Post title:</i>	Ombudsman
- <i>Other information:</i>	Justice Chizumila served as Public Ombudsman of Malawi for 5 years, leading the Administrative tribunal: investigating complaints of maladministration and abuse of public authority. her work strengthened government accountability, transparency and administrative justice, while providing remedies through investigations, public inquiries, and policy recommendations. By constitutional mandate she also served on the Malawi Human Rights Commission and the Police Service Commission. She was the first female Ombudsman in Malawi
05/2003 - 07/2004	
- <i>Employer:</i>	High Court of Malawi
- <i>Post title:</i>	Judge
<i>Other information:</i>	She presided over serious criminal trials, constitutional litigation and complex civil matters, applying international human rights standard within domestic jurisprudence.
10/1994 - 04/1999	
<i>Employer:</i>	Chizumila & Company(the first female lawyer in malawi to establish her own law firm)
<i>Post title:</i>	Founder and Proprietor
<i>Other information:</i>	She developed extensive expertise in criminal procedure, defence rights and access to justice for vulnerable persons and was chair of the Malawi Women Lawyers Association during the period of serious sexual abuse of women and children culminating in legislative amendments.
08/1993 - 09/1994	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Chizumila Msisha& Company(A private legal firm of my late husband)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Advocate
- <i>Other information:</i>	She strengthened her criminal law expertise handling very grave cases of criminal abuse by the previous government.
06/1991 - 11/1991	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Ministry of Justice & Constitutional Affairs Malawi
- <i>Post title:</i>	State and Legal Aid Advocate
- <i>Other information:</i>	Represented the State in criminal prosecutions and provided legal representation to indigent accused persons, strengthening access to justice.

10/1978 - 10/1988

- Employer:* Tanzania Legal Corporation(A legal parastatal under the Ministry of Justice 10 years)
- *Post title:* Counsel
- *Other information:*
- Represented accused persons in serious criminal prosecutions before Tanzanian courts.
- Developed extensive expertise in criminal procedure, evidentiary standards, and fair trial rights.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries

2008-2009

- *Activity:* United Nations and International Humanitarian Experience
Child Rights Consultant (UNICEF)
Responsibilities included:
Advising on implementation of international child protection standards.
Promoting the best interests of the child in policy frameworks.
Programme and Administration Officer(Save the Children Federation - USA)
Responsibilities included:
Implementation of child survival and protection programmes.
Handling matters concerning refugees and vulnerable populations, particularly women and children.
Strengthening humanitarian programme accountability and delivery.

04/1999 - 04/2003

- *Activity:* Diplomatic Service
Ambassador of Malawi to Zimbabwe and Permanent Representative of Malawi to SADC
Responsibilities included:
Representation of Malawi in regional diplomacy and multilateral negotiations.
Facilitation of governance dialogue, peace processes, and rule of law initiatives.
Co-organization of the Zimbabwe All-Stakeholders Inter-Party Conference (2001).

1991 - 1993

- *Activity:* United Nations and International Humanitarian Experience
Officer for Refugee Women and Children (UNHCR)
Responsibilities included:
Protection of refugee women and children.
Addressing gender-based violence in refugee settings.
Family tracing and reunification of separated children.
Skills training and livelihood support for displaced women.
Oversight of voluntary repatriation processes.

1989 - 1990

- *Activity:* International Humanitarian Experience
Programme and Administration Officer(Save the Children Federation - USA)
Responsibilities included:
Implementation of child survival and protection programmes.
Handling matters concerning refugees and vulnerable populations, particularly women and children.

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

From a Refugee Girl to a Judge – Volume II (2026)

From a Refugee Girl to a Judge - My Journey Volume I (2022)

Two-volume work on refugee law and refugee protection, addressing the legal challenges of displacement and statelessness

UN voices from the Bench: Women shaping International Justice by GQUAL (2026) Campaign/UN Women – contribution by Justice Tujilane Chizumila

Adventures leading to the Bench: African Women Judges - Storytelling as Judicial Freedom: Tujilane Rose Chizumila pages 223-238 (2025)

A Widow's Perspective- A personal Journey - contributed to Malawi's inheritance law reforms addressing property grabbing against widows. (1996)

Women's Leadership Roles and Food Security for Refugees in Nsanje (1992) by T. Madinga (now Chizumila) and S. Chande

Food Distribution and Sexual Harassment in Ntcheu By T. Madinga (now Chizumila) (1991)

Two research studies conducted under UNHCR that led to the reform of food distribution systems across refugee camps in Malawi, addressing sexual exploitation and abuse linked to food access especially for women and children

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

- Ethics Training for Registry Staff - African Court. Arusha, Tanzania
- African Union Ethics Training, Arusha, Tanzania
- Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the 1969 OAU Convention, International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ), Cape Town, South Africa
- Trainer of Trainers: Justice, Human Rights and Peace, and Leadership Development. UN University for Peace, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Inter-disciplinary Regional Course on Children's Rights, SAHRIT, Pretoria, South Africa
- Repatriation and Protection of Refugees, UNHCR, Geneva and Zimbabwe
- Anti-Corruption for Judicial Officers, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Lilongwe, Malawi
- Bridge Modular Training on Media and Elections, Lilongwe, Malawi
- Conflict Management & Peace Building, Pretoria, South Africa
- Children's Rights and Child Survival, Malawi, Zimbabwe, South Africa
- Women's Reproductive Health Rights through Public Interest Litigation, Harare, Zimbabwe

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

- International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges
- The African Court on Human Rights Committees on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial matters; and Audit matters
- The African Court on Human Rights, the African Commission on Human Rights and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child Dialogue
- The Intercontinental Human Rights Courts Dialogue
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Malawi Law Society
- Women Judges Association of Malawi
- Women Judges and Magistrates Association of Malawi (WOJAM), Founder member
- African Ombudsman and Mediators Association (AOMA)
- Malawi Widows Association

AWARDS AND HONOURS

GAVEL AWARD OF T. CHIZUMILA AND OTHER FEMALE JUDGES APDF & IHRDA v. Republic of Mali (2018)

Full case title:

Association pour le Progrès et la Défense des Droits des Femmes Maliennes (APDF) & The Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA) v. Republic of Mali

Application No.: 046/2016

Judgment date: 11 May 2018

Court: African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Justice Chizumila maintains a strong commitment to intellectual engagement through reading and writing on issues of human rights, rule of law, and social justice. She is passionate about mentorship and youth empowerment, particularly supporting young women and vulnerable populations in refugee and post-conflict settings. She also values physical wellness through regular exercise and enjoys gardening as a means of promoting sustainability and community self-reliance.

OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

A former refugee, Justice Chizumila brings a unique and deeply personal understanding of displacement, conflict, and human vulnerability to her judicial work. Her career spans national, regional, and international legal systems, providing her with a rare, multi-layered perspective on justice and accountability.

She has extensive experience engaging with multilateral institutions, including the African Union and the United Nations, and has held leadership roles within diplomatic circles. She is a strong advocate for gender equality and the protection of women's and children's rights.

In addition to her judicial work, she leads community-based initiatives aimed at empowering vulnerable groups through education, livelihood support, and capacity-building programmes. She has also contributed to training and mentorship programmes for judges, diplomats, and young professionals under the tujilane chizumila foundation and its subsidiary, Rita's Etiquette.

4. KNUDSEN, Mette (Denmark)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark to the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and with reference to the note verbale ICC-ASP/25/SP/01/Corr.2 dated 16 December 2025, has the honour to inform that the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark has decided to present the candidature of Ms Mette Lyster Knudsen for the position of Judge at the International Criminal Court for the term 2027-2036, at the elections to be held during the 25th Session of the Assembly of States Parties in New York, December 2026.

Judge Knudsen is a Danish High Court judge specialised in criminal justice and accountability, with over 30 years of professional legal experience in national courts, government, and academia, and with a strong international profile as an active member of both the International and European Association of Judges. Ms Knudsen currently serves at the Eastern High Court of Denmark and holds the position of President of the Association of Danish Judges.

Judge Knudsen is a candidate under list A for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 5 of the Rome Statute.

Attached to this note verbale are Judge Knudsen's curriculum vitae (in English) accompanied by the statement of qualifications prepared in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4(a), of the Rome Statute.

Statement of qualifications

This statement is submitted in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and Paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the Procedure for the Nomination and Election of Judges, the Prosecutor and Deputy Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/3/Resolution 6).

Denmark is nominating Judge Mette Lyster Knudsen as a candidate for the position of judge at the International Criminal Court (ICC) for the elections to be held in December 2026 during the 25th session of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP).

(a) The requirements set forth in article 36, Paragraph 3 (a), (b) and (c) of the Rome Statute

Judge Knudsen meets the requirements listed in these provisions:

- She is a person of high moral character that acts with impartiality, and integrity; and who possesses the qualifications required in Denmark for appointment to the highest judicial offices.
- She has more than 30 years of experience from senior positions both in the Danish Judiciary, the Ministry of Justice, and the National Police and prosecution services, providing her with the highest level of competence in criminal law and procedure.
- She has been the Chairperson of the Danish Expert Committee mandated to analyse Danish legislation and propose legislative amendments concerning the independent criminalisation of war crimes and other international crimes in the Danish Penal Code in accordance with the Rome Statute and make a recommendation on Ratification of the Amendment to the Rome Statute on the Crime of Aggression, providing her with the requisite level of competence in relevant areas of international law.
- She has extensive courtroom experience, managing successfully sensitive and complex cases as well as the needs and expectations of witnesses and victims.
- She is a strong consensus-builder and team-player, putting the integrity and legal quality of her court's work first.
- She is highly regarded for her expertise and collegiality both nationally and internationally, which is reflected, inter alia, in the leadership positions that her peers have elected her to assume in both the Danish, European, and International Association of Judges.

Judge Knudsen has an excellent command of English and extensive professional experience of working in English.

(b) Information regarding article 36, Paragraphs 7 and 8 (a) (i) to (iii) of the Rome Statute

Judge Knudsen is a Danish national and holds no other nationality. She will represent the civil law system and is a female candidate, nominated within the Group of Western European and Other States (WEOG).

(c) Nomination under the lists provided in article 36, Paragraph 5 of the Rome Statute

In view of her extensive experience as a judge, and practitioner of criminal law and procedure, Judge Knudsen, is nominated under list A.

(d) Expertise as described in article 36, Paragraph 8 (b) of the Rome Statute

Judge Knudsen has special expertise and practical experience regarding violence against women and children. She has worked on numerous cases in this area both as a police official, as a prosecutor, and as a judge, including in international settings.

In addition, Judge Knudsen has special expertise and practical experience in working with witnesses, survivors, and victims, including in cases involving sexual and gender-based violence. She has interviewed hundreds of witnesses, including in transnational cases and investigations.

Moreover, Judge Knudsen has special expertise and practical experience in the area of evidence and its role in trials. She has taught at university and conducted research in this field for 29 years, and has managed a high number of complex cases in the courtroom, including the fields of organised crime and terrorism, making her a leading national expert in this regard. Since May 2024, she has taught senior and specialised prosecutors and investigators in the field of complex domestic violence and abuse in intimate relationships as well as rape, including methods of interviewing and assessing the credibility of vulnerable and traumatised victims.

As a senior Danish High Court Judge, Judge Knudsen has a strong track record regarding the efficiency and effectiveness of courtroom procedures. She has served as a presiding judge and deputy presiding judge in dozens of high-stake criminal proceedings, including complex cases involving violence against women and children.

(e) Nomination procedure in accordance with article 36, Paragraph 4 (a) (ii) of the Rome Statute

Judge Knudsen was nominated as a Danish candidate by the Danish national group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, which is comprised of the Permanent Secretary of State for Justice Mr. Johan Kristian Legarth, the Danish Ministry of Justice; the President of the Danish Supreme Court Mr. Jens Peter Christensen; the Under-Secretary for Legal Affairs Ms. Vibeke Pasternak Jørgensen, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, and professor of international law Ms. Astrid Kjeldgaard-Pedersen, the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen. The nomination took place in December 2025, following a presentation of Judge Knudsen by the Danish government.

(f) Acknowledgement of information provided regarding the requirements in article 36, Paragraph 3 (a), (b) and (c) of the Statute in accordance with article 36 Paragraph 4 (a) of the Rome Statute

I, Vibeke Pasternak Jørgensen, in my capacity as Under-Secretary for Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, and as member of the Danish national group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration responsible for the nomination of Judge Knudsen as a candidate for the position of judge at the ICC, acknowledge that the information provided regarding the requirements in article 36, Paragraph 3 (a), (b) and (c) of the Statute in accordance with article 36 Paragraph 4 (a) under sub-paragraph (a) is correct.

(g) Commitment to take up full-time service at the Court

Judge Knudsen commits to being available to take up full-time service when the Court's workload so requires. She will also be available for interviews before the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges as well as the public roundtable discussions to be organised by the New York Working Group under the Assembly of States Parties.

Curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	KNUDSEN	
FIRST NAME:	Mette	
MIDDLE NAME:	Trandse Lyster	
GENDER:	Female	
DATE OF BIRTH:	16 August 1969	
NATIONALITY:	Danish	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	WEOG	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)	None	
MARITAL STATUS:	Single	
LIST A/LIST B	List A	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: Danish	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Basic	(oral) Basic
- OTHERS	Spanish: (written) Intermediate	(oral) Intermediate
	German: (written) Intermediate	(oral) Intermediate
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:		
09/2011 - 10/2011 - <i>Institution:</i> Danish Defence Academy - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Defence Command Security Policy		
09/1992 - 01/1995 - <i>Institution:</i> University of Copenhagen - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Master of Laws		
09/1989 - 06/1992 - <i>Institution:</i> University of Copenhagen - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Bachelor of Laws		
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:		
08/2019 - present - <i>Employer:</i> Eastern High Court, Court of Appeals, Denmark - <i>Post title:</i> High Court Judge		

- *Other information:*

- Adjudication of all categories of criminal cases, including terrorism, organised and cross-border crime, cybercrime, rape, homicide, deprivation of liberty, serious violence (including against women and children), and cases concerning the lawfulness of police use of force.
- Long-standing experience in complex and highly technical evidentiary assessment in comprehensive cases involving specialized investigations and prosecutors.
- Extensive experience as Presiding Judge and Deputy Presiding Judge.
- Adjudication of a large number of cases involving interpretation and application of the European Convention on Human Rights, EU law, and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Case Management: Reviewing case papers, conducting preliminary hearings, and managing legal processes to ensure efficient progression.
- Legal Leadership: Ensuring fairness, maintaining courtroom order, and providing leadership within the judicial system to ensure the efficient dispatch of business.
- Administrative Duties: Approving final court orders and managing cases through technology, both in court and in chambers.
- Experience relevant under list A.

06/2023 – 06/2024

- *Employer:* Expert Committee on Implementation into Danish Penal Code of Crimes of Torture, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity, and Ratification of the Amendment to the Rome Statute on the Crime of Aggression
- *Post title:* Chair of the Expert Committee
- *Other information:*
 - Chair of a government-appointed Expert Committee mandated to analyse Danish legislation and propose legislative amendments concerning the independent criminalisation of war crimes and other international crimes in the Danish Penal Code in accordance with the Rome Statute.
 - Responsible for the committee's legal analysis, drafting work, and preparation of legislative proposals which were subsequently presented by Government and within six months passed by a broad majority in parliament.
 - Responsible for committee's interactions with various ministries and national authorities as well as the dialogue with Danish and international civil society.
 - Experience relevant under list A and list B.

09/2015 – 08/2019

- *Employer:* District Court of Glostrup, Denmark
- *Post title:* Judge
- *Other information:*
 - Pre-trial duties such as conducting hearings on confirming arrest, reviewing detention and granting or denying the police/prosecution certain investigative measures such as search, seizure and wiretapping.
 - Head of the section responsible for preparing criminal trials
 - Adjudication of all categories of criminal cases, including terrorism, organised and cross-border crime, cybercrime, rape, homicide, deprivation of liberty, serious violence (including against women and children)
 - Experience relevant under list A.

11/2014 – 08/2015

- *Employer:* Eastern High Court, Court of Appeals, Denmark
- *Post title:* Acting High Court Judge

- *Other information:*

- Part of three different divisions within the court adjudicating a broad portfolio of both civil and criminal cases, including murder, rape, violence and organized cross-border crime.
- Participating in deliberations together with the appointed judges.
- Responsible for written submissions of appeals.
- Preparation and drafting of decisions, judgments and rulings.
- Ensuring the quality of case preparation.
- Evaluation of qualifications as presiding judge, where the overall-evaluation of qualifications for appointment was: Extremely highly qualified.
- Experience relevant under list A.

11/2013 – 10/2014

- *Employer:* North Zealand Police
- *Post title:* Assisting Chief of Staff
- *Other information:*
 - North Zealand Police comprises approximately 700 police staff and 50 prosecutors.
 - Responsible for project which improved efficiency in case-management.
 - Experience relevant under list A.

01/2011 – 11/2013

- *Employer:* Danish Security and Intelligence Service (PET)
- *Post title:* Director of Administration and Member of Executive Management
- *Other information:*
 - Member of PET's executive management. PET is responsible for prosecuting terror related crimes etc. before Danish courts.
 - Overall responsibility for finance, human resources, internal security, IT, logistics, and project portfolio.
 - Chair of the EU working group on information exchange and data protection during the Danish EU Presidency (first half of 2012).
 - Experience relevant under list A.

01/2007 – 01/2011

- *Employer:* Zealand and Lolland-Falster Police
- *Post title:* Deputy Police Director
- *Other information:*
 - Member of the senior management team, running the police district with more than 900 employees also covering the prosecution service.
 - Responsibility for implementation of national police reform, including structural reorganisation, decentralisation, and personnel and budgetary management.
 - Representative of Danish police in international programme organized by civil society partner Dignity, focusing on the prevention of torture in Jordan.
 - Experience relevant under list A.

01/2002 – 01/2007

- *Employer:* Ministry of Justice, Denmark
- *Post title:* Head of Department / Deputy Head of Department
- *Other information:*

- Responsibility for ministerial advisory services in the fields of policing, criminal justice, and emergency preparedness.
- Chair of inter-ministerial working groups on implementation of EU legislation.
- Coordination of initiatives in the fields of criminal law and policing during the Danish EU Presidency (second half of 2002).
- Experience relevant under list A.

04/1996 – 09/1998 and 09/1998 - 12/2003

- *Employer:* Copenhagen Police and State Prosecutor of Zealand, Denmark
- *Post title:* Prosecutor and assisting prosecutor
- *Other information:*
 - In charge of criminal law cases in varying fields, such as violence, sexual offences, financial crimes, drug crimes.
 - Solid court room experience, including in appeal cases.
 - Followed the police district's criminal investigations in all phases and advised on procedural rules etc.
 - Experience relevant under list A.

02/1995 – 04/1996 and 09/1998 - 01/2022

- *Employer:* Ministry of Justice, Denmark
- *Post title:* Head of Section
- *Other information:*
 - Assessment of new Danish legislation regarding compatibility with international human rights and EU law obligations.
 - Contributions to Danish interventions before international courts.
 - Lead of project group working on reorganization of the Danish police and local prosecution services.
 - Experience relevant under list A.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

08/2025 - present

- *Activity:* Coordination Forum for the Annual Conference of the International Bar Association in 2026. Preparation of hosting the conference in Denmark, with particular focus on rule of law and human rights.

10/2024 - present

- *Activity:* Lecturer at Annual Specialized Course for Senior Prosecutors and Special Police Teams on the assessment of evidence in cases involving serious or complex violent crime.

09/2011 - present

- *Activity:* Danish Defence Command Security Policy Academy (2011) and subsequent annual Security Policy Seminars (SIKU) on foreign, security, and defence policy.

09/1995 - present

- *Activity:* External Lecturer, examiner and supervisor in the Law of Evidence and Witness Examination, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

03/2003

- *Activity:* International Visitor Program of the United States Department of State: “Combating International Crime”.

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, The European Convention on Human Rights – for Practitioners [in Danish], 6th edition, Djøf Publisher, forthcoming.
- Co-author, four chapters on various matters pertaining to criminal proceedings (including evidentiary issues and serious crimes) in annotated commentary on the Danish Administration of Justice Act [in Danish], Djøf Publisher, 2024.
- Articles on evidentiary assessment of technical evidence, including DNA, and the burden of proof, Danish Weekly Law Report [in Danish], 2022.
- Co-author, chapter on consent-based rape legislation, the Istanbul Convention, and the judicial assessment of evidence in edited volume on The Administration of Justice Act 100 years [in Danish], Djøf Publisher, 2019.
- Article on the new implementation of Rome Statute crimes in the Danish Penal Code, Journal of Criminal Law [in Danish], 2025.

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

- Speaker at several international conferences on human rights and international criminal law, including Danish Institute for Human Rights, National Conference on 75 Years of the ECHR, and conference organised by Danish NGO Dignity on prosecution of international crimes, including victim-centred perspectives, Copenhagen, Denmark (2025).
- Expert panellist, European Network for Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence: Measures and responses to high-risk domestic violence perpetrators, online (2023).
- Speaker, Nordic Symposium on the Law of Evidence, Lund University, Sweden (2018).
- Speaker and co-organiser, conference on the EU Information Management Strategy (IMS), The Hague, The Netherlands (2012).

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

- 2024 - President, Danish Association of Judges.
 - a. Representing all Danish judges in matters that involve or affect the Danish judiciary such as relevant new legislation; negotiating salaries; accountability of judges; future structure, specialization and digitalization of the Danish courts. Working towards safeguarding the rule of law and the independence and integrity of judges.
- 2024 - Advisory Board Member and Vice-President, Fourth Study Commission (Public and Social Law), International Association of Judges.
 - a. Co-chairing annual sessions of the commission and co-drafting questionnaires, reports and conclusions on a wide range of topics with regard to e.g., labour law and social law.
- 2024 - Co-President, Working Group on Salaries and Pensions, European Association of Judges.
 - a. Co-chairing meetings of the group and co-drafting statements, with particular focus on remuneration of judges and material independence of judges.
- 2023 - Member, Working Group on Ways to Brussels, European Association of Judges.
 - a. Focus on fundamental rights and judicial independence under EU law.
- 2002-2003 - European Judicial Network in criminal matters.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Travelling, photography, literature (both fiction and professional literature), and opera.

OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

High Court Judge Mette Lyster Knudsen has experience from administering sensitive and large criminal law cases, involving multiple judges on, inter alia, organised crime, terrorism and sexual violence; strong international profile as active member of both the International and European Association of Judges; chair of national expert committee on ratification of Kampala amendments and incorporation of Rome Statute crimes into Danish penal code; robust background from range of different roles in the judicial system, including as prosecutor.

5. KYSHAKEVYCH, Lev (Ukraine)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court, and with reference to the note verbale ICC-ASP/25/SP/01/Corr.2 dated 16 December 2025, has the honour to inform that the Government of Ukraine has decided to nominate Mr. Lev Kyshakevych as a candidate for the position of Judge of the International Criminal Court for the term 2027–2036, at the elections to be held during twenty-fifth Session of the Assembly of States Parties scheduled for December 7–17 2026 in New York.

Mr. Kyshakevych currently holds the position of a Judge of the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court of Ukraine with over 30 years of professional experience in criminal law, as a prosecutor in the prosecution authorities, as a judge in a local court and in the Criminal Cassation Court within the Supreme Court of Ukraine.

Mr. Kyshakevych is a candidate on the list A for the purpose of article 36, paragraph 5 of the Rome Statute and is being nominated in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4(a)(i) of the Rome Statute, following the procedure of «The Regulation on Conducting the Competition for the Selection of a Candidate to be nominated by Ukraine for Election as a Judge to the International Criminal Court», adopted by the Decree of the President of Ukraine No. 206/2026 dated 26 February 2026.

The statement of qualifications prepared in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4(a) of the Rome Statute, the curriculum vitae of Mr. Kyshakevych and supporting documents in Ukrainian and English are attached herewith.

Statement of qualifications

This statement is prepared in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and paragraph 6 of the Resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of Judges, the Prosecutor and Deputy Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6).

Ukraine hereby nominates Judge Lev Yuriyovych KYSHAKEVYCH as a candidate for the position of the Judge of the International Criminal Court for the elections to be held in December 2026 during the 25th session of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP).

(a) Information regarding the candidate's compliance with the requirements set out in article 36, paragraph 3 (a), (b), and (c) of the Rome Statute

Judge L. Kyshakevych fully meets the requirements for a candidate as defined by article 36, paragraph 3 of the Rome Statute.

L. Kyshakevych is a judge of high moral character, impartiality, and integrity, meeting the requirements established in Ukraine for appointment to the highest judicial post – Judge of the Supreme Court.

Judge L. Kyshakevych possesses recognized competence in criminal and procedural law, as well as extensive experience as a judge and prosecutor.

L. Kyshakevych has over thirty years of professional experience in the field of criminal law and procedure. Specifically, he has served in the prosecution authorities of Ukraine, conducting public prosecutions in criminal cases, served as a judge of the local court and of the Criminal Cassation Court within the Supreme Court. Currently, L. Kyshakevych holds the position of the judge of the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court, by participating in the development of the Supreme Court's binding legal positions, which confirms the candidate's highest level of competence in criminal law and procedure.

In 2024, Judge L. Kyshakevych authored a judgment of the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court in criminal proceedings against individuals convicted of crimes related to the planning, preparation, initiation, and waging of a war of aggression. This judgment set a judicial precedent for cases involving crimes against peace, human security, and the international legal order. Its preparation required profound knowledge of national law as well as international criminal law, international humanitarian law, and the case law of international tribunals. This demonstrates Judge L. Kyshakevych's expertise in legal matters falling within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the ICC, particularly regarding the crime of aggression and related international legal assessments. Furthermore, Judge L. Kyshakevych's work on this judgment demonstrates his ability to objectively assess and analyze acts that pose a threat to international peace and security, to apply the norms of international humanitarian law and international criminal law, and to formulate legal conclusions in cases of exceptional public and international significance.

Judge L. Kyshakevych is the Chair of the Ethics Council, an independent body whose primary task is to determine whether candidates for the position of a member of the High Council of Justice (HCJ) meet the criteria of professional ethics and integrity. According to the Law of Ukraine "On the High Council of Justice", members of the Ethics Council shall be individuals of impeccable professional reputation, high professional and moral standing, and public authority, who satisfy the criteria of professional ethics and integrity. The election of L. Kyshakevych as Chair of the Ethics Council serves as additional confirmation of his highest moral standards and integrity.

The activities of Judge L. Kyshakevych within the Ethics Council are directly related to the assessment of standards of independence, impartiality, integrity, resilience to external influence, and the ability to act in accordance with the principle of the rule of law. For an ICC judge, such experience is essential, as international criminal justice requires not only high legal training but also an impeccable professional reputation and the ability to render decisions in politically sensitive cases while maintaining trust in the court as an institution.

The aforementioned competencies demonstrate Judge L. Kyshakevych's proven track record of successful collegial work, which is an essential prerequisite for the effective exercise of a judge's duties in any court, including the International Criminal Court. L. Kyshakevych's professional activities in the Criminal Cassation Court and the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court involve daily cooperation with other judges on resolving complex legal issues and rendering collegial decisions. His duties as Chair of the Ethics Council involve cooperation with Council members, including international experts. This experience demonstrates his ability to work in a team, consider diverse legal positions, reach balanced joint decisions, and work in an atmosphere of mutual respect, impartiality and shared responsibility.

Holding the position of Head of the Court further demonstrates Judge L. Kyshakevych's organizational experience, ability to ensure the proper functioning of a judicial institution and the efficiency of court procedures. This is significant for the International Criminal Court, as proceedings involving war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, or the crime of aggression require not only high-level legal analysis but also efficient management.

Thus, Judge L. Kyshakevych's professional legal experience meets the requirements for a candidate defined by article 36, paragraph 3 of the Rome Statute, as it encompasses many years of experience in the field of criminal justice, the adjudication of complex criminal cases, the application of international standards of justice, participation in the development of legal positions related to crimes against the peace and security of mankind and international legal order, as well as experience in upholding professional ethics, independence, and integrity in the administration of justice. Taken together, this experience demonstrates that Judge L. Kyshakevych is suitably qualified to administer justice in cases falling within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.

Judge L. Kyshakevych's professional experience is further reinforced by his academic qualifications, holding a Candidate of Legal Sciences degree (PhD in Law). He consistently advances his professional expertise, participates in scientific-practical conferences and professional events addressing contemporary issues of international criminal law, and has undertaken multiple working visits to the International Criminal Court in The Hague. This demonstrates the systematic nature and relevance of knowledge of Judge L. Kyshakevych's of international criminal justice and his suitability to international judicial setting.

Judge L. Kyshakevych is fluent in English and experienced in using it in his professional activities.

(b) Nomination of candidates from the lists provided for in article 36, paragraph 5 of the Rome Statute

Taking into account the extensive experience as a judge and his expertise in criminal law and procedure, Judge L. Kyshakevych is nominated as a candidate on List A.

(c) Information relating to article 36, paragraph 8 (a)(i) to (iii) of the Rome Statute

Judge L. Kyshakevych will represent the civil law legal system and is a male candidate of Ukraine, a member of the Eastern European Region.

(d) Information on legal experience pursuant to article 36, paragraph 8 (b) of the Rome Statute

Judge L. Kyshakevych has over thirty years of professional experience in the field of criminal justice, encompassing work in the prosecution authorities and the courts. This experience is directly relevant to the performance of the duties of a judge of the International Criminal Court, as it combines the practice of criminal prosecution, the adjudication of complex criminal proceedings—particularly those involving violence against women and children—the application of international standards of fair trial, and work on legal issues related to crimes against peace, security of mankind, and the international legal order.

From 1995 to 2004, L. Kyshakevych served in Ukrainian prosecution authorities, where his work was directly related to the practical application of criminal law and criminal procedural law, supporting the prosecution, preparing procedural documents, analysing materials from criminal proceedings, supporting the public prosecution, and ensuring legality at the pre-trial and trial stages. Judge L. Kyshakevych's experience is important for the work of a judge at the International Criminal Court, as cases falling within the Court's jurisdiction require the evaluation of a large body of evidence and procedural decisions by investigative authorities and the prosecutor, as well as maintaining a balance between the effectiveness of criminal prosecution and the guarantees of a fair trial.

With over 20 years of judicial experience, Lev Kyshakevych has directly administered justice in criminal proceedings, including those involving violence against women and children; examined evidence; evaluated the testimony of parties to the proceedings; rendered decisions on a person's guilt or innocence and the imposition of punishment; and ensured compliance with the procedural rights of the parties. Serving as a trial judge is of particular importance for the training of a judge at the International Criminal Court, as it is at this level that practical skills are developed in handling oral and written evidence, assessing the credibility of testimony, responding to procedural motions filed by the parties, and ensuring the equality of the parties and the immediacy of the trial.

The role of a judge on the Criminal Cassation Chamber of the Supreme Court involves a thorough analysis of complex legal issues, ensuring consistency in judicial practice, assessing significant violations of the right to defense, standards of admissibility of evidences, the reasonableness of judicial decisions, and the compliance of national law enforcement with international standards. It is precisely this level of work that is particularly closely aligned with the duties of an international criminal judge, who, in cases involving the most serious international crimes, must ensure a high standard of reasoning, accuracy in legal classification, and strict observance of the rights of the accused and victims.

As a member of the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court of Ukraine, Judge L. Kyshakevych contributes to the development of uniform judicial practice and the resolution of the most complex legal issues arising at the intersection of criminal law, criminal procedure, constitutional guarantees, and the state's international obligations. It is particularly important that, in criminal jurisdiction, the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court reviews court decisions after an international judicial body—whose jurisdiction is recognized by Ukraine—has established that Ukraine violated its international obligations in the court's adjudication of the case. Thus, L. Kyshakevych's work in the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court is directly linked to the application of international standards of justice, the practice of the European Court of Human Rights, and the harmonization of national law enforcement with international standards. For an ICC Judge, this experience is particularly valuable, as the work of an international court requires the ability to combine different legal traditions, interpret international norms in the context of specific criminal proceedings, and formulate persuasive legal positions in highly complex cases.

(e) Information on the candidate's nationality for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 7 of the Statute

Judge L. Kyshakevych is a citizen of Ukraine and holds no other nationality.

(f) The nomination procedure in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a)(ii) of the Rome Statute

Judge L. Kyshakevych is nominated by the Ukrainian National Selection Commission, established by Decree of the President of Ukraine. The Selection Commission consists of renowned experts in the fields of criminal law, criminal procedure, and international law, who possess high moral character, professional qualifications, and significant experience in their respective fields. The candidates for the selection commission were recommended to the President of Ukraine by the Office of the Prosecutor General, the High Council of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, and the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.

Detailed information regarding the national procedure is provided separately.

(g) Confirmation of the information provided regarding the requirements set forth in article 36, paragraphs 3 (a), (b), (c), and 4(a) of the Rome Statute

The accuracy and truthfulness of the information provided regarding the requirements set forth in article 36, paragraphs 3 (a), (b), (c), and 4 (a) of the Rome Statute have been confirmed by the Chair of the National Selection Commission, Professor Mykhailo Buromenskyi.

(h) Candidate's obligations

Judge Lev Kyshakevych undertakes to be available to begin working full-time when the workload of the International Criminal Court so requires. He will also be available for interviews, as well as for participation in public roundtables and other events.

Curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	KYSHAKEVYCH	
FIRST NAME:	LEV	
MIDDLE NAME:	YURIIOVYCH	
GENDER:	Male	
DATE OF BIRTH:	28/03/1973	
NATIONALITY:	UKRAINIAN	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Eastern Europe	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)	NONE APPLICABLE	
MARITAL STATUS:	DIVORCED	
LIST A/LIST B	List A	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: UKRAINIAN	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Please select >>	(oral) Please select >>
- OTHERS	POLISH : (written) Intermediate	(oral) Intermediate

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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i>		
09/2011 - 06/2014 - <i>Institution:</i> LVIV POLYTECHNIC NATIONAL UNIVERSITY - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> PhD in Law		
08/1995 - 02/1999 - <i>Institution:</i> IVAN FRANKO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LVIV - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> MASTER OF LAWS		
09/1990 - 06/1995 - <i>Institution:</i> IVAN FRANKO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LVIV - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> MASTER'S DEGREE IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS		
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: <i>Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i> <i>- Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate</i>		
05/2023 - present - <i>Employer:</i> JUDGE - <i>Post title:</i> GRAND CHAMBER OF SUPREME COURT <i>Other information:</i> - participated as a member of Grand Chamber (21 judges from all four jurisdictions) in consideration of the most difficult cases which include research of the exceptional legal problems to provide court practice unity and case law guidelines for other courts; - reviewed court decisions in cassation order to ensure the uniform application of legal norms by courts; - studied court practice, summarized case law; - reviewed court decisions after an international judicial institution, whose jurisdiction is recognized by Ukraine, establishes that Ukraine has violated international obligations when resolving a given case by a court in particular, regarding war crimes;		
11/2017 - 05/2023 - <i>Employer:</i> JUDGE - <i>Post title:</i> CRIMINAL CASSATION COURT OF SUPREME COURT <i>Other information:</i> - administered justice as a judge of the cassation instance, including in relation to the most serious categories of crimes, crimes related to war; - summarized court practice; - provided conclusions on draft legislative acts relating to the judiciary, judicial proceedings, the status of judges, the execution of court decisions and other issues related to the functioning of the judicial system; - ensured the uniform application of legal norms by courts of various specializations in the order and manner prescribed by procedural law.		
01/2004 - 04/2017 - <i>Employer:</i> JUDGE - <i>Post title:</i> IVANO-FRANKIVSK CITY COURT IVANO-FRANKIVSK REGION <i>Other information:</i>		

- administered justice in criminal cases, in particular, those involving violence against women and children;

04/2017 - 11/2017

- *Employer:* JUDGE, HEAD OF COURT
- *Post title:* IVANO-FRANKIVSK CITY COURT IVANO-FRANKIVSK REGION

Other information:

- represented the court as a body of state power in relations with other bodies of state power, local self-government bodies, individuals and legal entities;
- determined the administrative powers of the deputy head of a local court;
- organized information and analytical support for judges in order to improve the quality of judicial proceedings;

05/1995 - 01/2004

- *Employer:* PROSECUTOR'S ASSISTANT
- *Post title:* IVANO-FRANKIVSK PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Other information:

- supervised compliance with the law by all bodies and citizens;
- supervised compliance with the law by the bodies which fought against crimes and other offenses and investigated actions with alleged elements of a crime;
- supported the state prosecution, participated in the consideration of criminal cases in courts, including those involving violence against women and children;
- participated in measures to prevent crimes and other offenses, worked on improvement and clarification of legislation, etc.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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11/2021 - present

- *Activity:* CHAIR OF THE ETHICS COUNCIL

The Ethics Council is a core body of judicial reform in Ukraine, established to assess candidates for membership in the High Council of Justice (HCJ) for compliance with standards of professional ethics and integrity. The Ethics Council makes decisions on whether candidates meet these criteria, ensuring transparency in the formation of the HCJ and promoting the cleansing of the judiciary:

- responsibility for interact with authorities and other national and international organizations as for the execution of the Council's powers;
- coordination and organization the involvement of additional experts, specialists from international, foreign and national organizations;
- as a Chairman of the Ethics organize the involvement of additional experts, specialists from international, foreign and national organizations, interact with authorities and other national and international organizations as for the execution of the Council's powers;
- checked candidates for the positions of members of the High Council of Justice according to the criteria of professional ethics and integrity, Council conduct interviews with selected candidates and current members of the High Council of Justice;
- conducted a one-time check for compliance with these same criteria of members of the current composition of the High Council of Justice with the exception of the President of the Supreme Court, who is a member of the High Council of Justice ex officio.

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

NONE

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

10/2025 JUDICIAL PRACTICE IN THE ADJUDICATION OF WAR CRIMES

We discussed the resolution (judgement) of the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court of February 28, 2024, where I am the author. In fact, this resolution became a real breakthrough in the development of the international law on war crimes in Ukraine. Besides, we noted that detailed research of the existing judicial practice in war-related proceedings indicates that the courts of the first and appellate instances are faced with the problem of correct determination (qualification).

06/2025 THE ROLE OF THE GRAND CHAMBER OF THE SUPREME COURT IN ENSURING THE UNIFORMITY OF

JUDICIAL PRACTICE IN CRIMINAL CASES UNDER MARTIAL LAW

We discussed the practice of applying punishment for military aggression and ensuring justice (fairness) in criminal proceedings. In addition, we discussed an issue of using special judicial proceeding (in absentia).

09/2024 ENSURING THE UNIFORMITY OF JUDICIAL PRACTICE IN WAR-RELATED CASES

We discussed problem issues regarding the determination (qualification) of criminal offenses against peace, safety of humanity (mankind) and international legal order.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

NONE

AWARDS AND HONOURS

NONE

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Running, Boxing, Chess

OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

6. METTRAUX, Guénaël (Switzerland)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of Switzerland in The Hague presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in The Hague and has the honour to inform the States Parties of the candidature of Judge Guénaël Mettraux for the post of judge at the International Criminal Court (ICC) for the period 2027-36, with a view to the elections to be held in New York in December 2026 at the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties. This candidacy is submitted in accordance with verbal note ICC-ASP/25/SP/01/Corr.2 of 16 December 2025.

Judge Guénaël Mettraux was selected following a rigorous selection procedure. As is evident from Judge Mettraux's curriculum vitae and the detailed document drawn up in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a) of the Rome Statute, attached to this note verbale, he fulfils the requirements of paragraph 3 of the same article.

Currently serving as a judge at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers in The Hague, Judge Mettraux has over 25 years of experience in international criminal law, including 12 years with the ICC. He is a renowned expert and criminal lawyer in the field of international criminal justice and is of the highest moral character.

Judge Mettraux is a candidate under list A (criminal law expertise) for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 5 of the Rome Statute.

Judge Mettraux's extensive expertise and vast experience, coupled with his unwavering integrity, independence and impartiality, make him an ideal candidate to meet the high standards required of an ICC judge.

Attached:

- Curriculum vitae of Judge Guénaël Mettraux in French, English and Spanish.
- Document containing the details required under verbal note ICC-ASP/25/SP/01/Corr.2, annex I, paragraph A, number 6 in French, English and Spanish.

Statement of qualifications

This statement in support of the candidature of Judge Guénaël Mettraux is submitted in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Rome Statute) and paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of judges, the Prosecutor and Deputy Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended).

Switzerland is nominating Judge Mettraux as a candidate for the position of judge at the International Criminal Court (ICC) at the elections to be held during the 25th session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute (ASP) in December 2026 in New York.

(a) A candidate fulfilling the requirements in article 36, paragraph 3 (a), (b) and (c) of the Rome Statute

Judge Guénaël Mettraux fulfils all requirements set out in article 36, paragraph 3 of the Rome Statute:

- He is a person of high moral character, respected for his impartiality and integrity, and who possesses the qualifications required for appointment to the highest official judicial offices in Switzerland.
- He is recognised for his high standing both nationally and internationally, including at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers in The Hague, where he has served as a judge since 2017.
- He is a renowned specialist and practitioner in criminal law and procedure with more than 25 years of experience in international criminal justice, managing highly complex and politically sensitive criminal cases.

- He has worked with six major international criminal tribunals, namely the International Criminal Court (ICC), the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) and the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (KSC).
- Having worked for 12 years on a variety of cases with the ICC, he brings in-depth knowledge of the Rome Statute and expertise in the ICC's procedural rules and working methods.
- Having served as a judge, advocate and advisor to prosecution offices in common law, civil law and hybrid systems, he has a profound understanding of the diverse challenges inherent to international criminal proceedings.
- He has published extensively on international crimes and command responsibility and authored expert reports on judicial effectiveness, including in relation to the ICC. He also regularly lectures at renowned universities.
- His proficiency in French (native speaker) and English (advanced level) would allow him to hold hearings in both working languages of the ICC.

(b) Equitable and fair representation of the principal legal systems, regions and genders (article 36, paragraph 8 (a) (i) to (iii) of the Rome Statute)

Over the last 25 years, Judge Guénaël Mettraux has practised extensively in common law, civil law and hybrid systems. For the purposes of these elections, he will represent the civil law system.

He is a male candidate, nominated within the Group of Western European and Other States (WEOG).

(c) Nomination under list A (article 36, paragraph 5 of the Rome Statute)

Judge Guénaël Mettraux is nominated as a candidate under list A pursuant to article 36, paragraph 3 (b) (i) of the Rome Statute.

(d) Wide area of expertise (article 36, paragraph 8 (b) of the Rome Statute)

Genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes

Judge Guénaël Mettraux is a renowned expert on the law of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes – a legal field to which he has devoted his distinguished career (see also para. (a), above). Over the past 30 years, he has participated in some of the most significant international criminal cases brought before the ICC, the ICTY, the ICTR, the ECCC, the STL and, currently, the KSC. He has also advised several states and state organs on international criminal law and delivered training to national judges, prosecutors, advocates and members of the armed forces.

Judge Mettraux is currently serving as a judge on a panel adjudicating a highly complex and political case involving ten counts of crimes against humanity and war crimes against four defendants with over 150 participating victims. Since the commencement of the trial in 2023, the panel has heard or admitted the evidence of 298 witnesses, admitted more than 11,000 exhibits, and rendered hundreds of procedural and evidential decisions. As a result of the panel's strong commitment to procedural efficiency, a judgment will be rendered less than 3.5 years after the start of the trial.

In addition to his work as a legal practitioner, Judge Mettraux has published extensively on the law of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes (see further below). He was awarded the Francis Lieber Prize of the American Society of International Law for his doctoral thesis on the law of command responsibility.

Vulnerable witnesses and victims

Judge Guénaël Mettraux has significant experience in dealing with vulnerable witnesses, including participating victims. As a judge, he has heard highly sensitive evidence from vulnerable victims and numerous testimonies from highly protected witnesses. Having dealt with instances of witness intimidation, he has gained extensive

experience with protective measures and procedural safeguards tailored to the specific needs of vulnerable witnesses and victims in international criminal proceedings.

Gender-based violence

Judge Guénaël Mettraux has worked on cases involving far-reaching gender-based violence brought before international criminal tribunals such as the ICTY, where he advised judges on the *Kunarac et al.* case, in which three accused were convicted and sentenced to lengthy terms of imprisonment for rape, torture, enslavement and outrages upon personal dignity. He has also worked with national prosecution offices, for instance advising domestic prosecutors in Uganda, inter alia, on gender-based and sexual offences. In addition to his practical experience, he has authored leading commentaries and books on applicable laws governing sexual and gender-based violence and other categories of international crimes.

Efficiency and effectiveness of justice

Judge Guénaël Mettraux is a distinguished expert on effective justice systems. He has authored influential expert reports on judicial effectiveness and the functioning of justice systems, including an Expert Initiative on Promoting Effectiveness at the ICC. He therefore has first-hand knowledge of the ICC's functioning, internal mechanisms and institutional challenges. At the KSC, he has contributed to successfully implementing several procedural mechanisms and practices aimed at ensuring more effective and more focused proceedings, including greater use of orality and a faster turnover of judicial decisions.

International criminal cooperation

Judge Guénaël Mettraux's practice as an advocate in international criminal cases has regularly involved requests for international cooperation from States and international organisations, most notably in relation to criminal investigations and/or extradition proceedings. He has also gained judicial experience in matters of cooperation with States and other stakeholders in his capacity as a judge at the KSC.

Publishing and lecturing

Judge Guénaël Mettraux is a recognised scholar in the field of international criminal justice and has been cited as an authority by various courts and tribunals. He has published extensively on international criminal law and procedure as well as on human rights. His landmark publications include a unique compendium on the law and practice of international crimes published by Oxford University Press. He is also a member of the editorial boards of two influential legal journals.

Judge Mettraux has also lectured at various renowned universities on international criminal law and procedure and provided training to judges, prosecutors, law enforcement agents and the military worldwide.

(e) Swiss nationality (article 36, paragraph 7 of the Rome Statute)

Judge Guénaël Mettraux is a Swiss national, nominated by Switzerland and running as a Swiss candidate. He also holds French citizenship.

(f) Procedure leading to the nomination of Guénaël Mettraux according to article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (ii) of the Rome Statute

Judge Guénaël Mettraux was nominated by the Federal Council, Switzerland's government, which comprises seven heads of departments (ministers), including Switzerland's president, in November 2025.

He was nominated following a competitive selection procedure and after a thorough assessment by an expert panel in accordance with "the procedure provided for the nomination of candidates for the International Court of Justice in the Statute of that Court" foreseen under article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (ii) of the Rome Statute.

More specifically, the Directorate of International Law of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, which initiated and oversaw the selection process, issued a public call for nominations in July 2025. The applications received were subsequently examined by a six-member expert panel, comprising the four members of the Swiss national group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and two legal experts from

Switzerland's administration and law enforcement familiar with the ICC, based on the criteria specified in article 36, paragraph 3 of the Rome Statute. In the light of his extensive expertise and in-depth knowledge of international criminal justice and the ICC (including the institutional challenges it faces), and his strong interpersonal and management skills, the panel unanimously proposed Judge Mettraux as Switzerland's candidate to the Federal Council.

(g) Acknowledgement of information provided under sub-paragraph (a) by the chairperson of the nomination panel

I, Franz Perrez, in my capacity as Director of the Directorate of International Law of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, and as chairperson of the expert panel responsible for selecting a candidate for the position of judge of the ICC, acknowledge the information provided under sub-paragraph (a) of this statement of qualifications.

(h) Commitment of Judge Guénaél Mettraux

Judge Guénaél Mettraux commits to be available to take up full-time service when the Court's workload so requires. He will also be available for interviews before the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges as well as public roundtable discussions facilitated by the Bureau.

Curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	Mettraux	
FIRST NAME:	Guénaél	
MIDDLE NAME:	Yves, Jean-Marie	
GENDER:	Male	
DATE OF BIRTH:	12 January 1974	
NATIONALITY:	Swiss	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	WEOG	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)	French	
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List A	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: French	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- GERMAN	(written) Intermediate	(oral) Intermediate
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:		
03/2008		
- Institution:	London School of Economics (LSE), Law Department	
- Qualification(s) obtained:	PhD, topic: The Law of Command Responsibility PhD Thesis: "Command Responsibility in International Law – the Boundaries of Criminal Liability for Military Commanders and Civilian"	

1997

- *Institution:* University College London
- *Qualification(s) obtained:* LLM in International Law

1996

- *Institution:* University of Lausanne
- *Qualification(s) obtained:* Law Degree

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**02/2017 - Present**

- *Employer:* Kosovo Specialist Chambers (KSC)
- *Post title:* Judge
- *Other information:* In the cases *Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi et al.* and *Prosecutor v. Gucati and Haradinaj*:
 - Judicial management of complex proceedings involving hundreds of witnesses, thousands of exhibits and tens of thousands of pages of transcript of evidence;
 - dealing with complex legal, procedural and evidential issues, including in respect of protection of victims and witnesses, rulings on admission of evidence, fair trial issues, and substantive questions of international criminal law and international humanitarian law;
 - preparation of cases and witnesses;
 - research on relevant legal issues;
 - conducting of deliberations;
 - organization and assessment of large evidential records;
 - drafting of judgements and decisions;
 - management of teams of lawyers and coordination of streams of work.

05/2018 - Present

- *Employer:* Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)
- *Post title:* Chairperson of the Appeals Board
- *Other information:* Administrative/staff jurisdiction:
 - Management of staff appeals pertaining to conditions of employment;
 - review of case-file, conducting legal research and drafting legal opinions.

09/2014 – 05/2021

- *Employer:* International Criminal Court (ICC)
- *Post title:* Counsel for State Parties
- *Other information:* Multiple cases:
 - Conducting of preliminary examinations and investigations;
 - provision of advices on investigations of international crimes, procedure and litigation before the ICC;
 - fulfilling of duties and responsibilities arising from cooperation obligations;
 - collection of information and protecting sensitive sources;
 - provision of training and advice on relevant legal standards (including command responsibility);
 - research and drafting of legal submissions on legal and procedural issues relevant to proceedings before the ICC.

09/2012 – 05/2021

- *Employer:* Human Rights Review Panel (HRRP)
- *Post title:* Member and Chairperson
- *Other information:* Human rights cases (including quasi-judicial litigations) pertaining to alleged violations of human rights linked to the executive mandate of EULEX Mission in Kosovo:
 - Drafting of decisions;
 - assessment of evidential records;
 - provision of reparations recommendations ;
 - coordination of staff;
 - organization of meetings and deliberations;
 - fulfilling of official responsibilities as Chairperson of the Panel.

03/2019 – 05/2021

- *Employer:* Lundin Petroleum AB
- *Post title:* Senior consultant
- *Other information:* Criminal case involving allegations of war crimes, District Court Stockholm:
 - Advise on and drafting of memoranda regarding a variety of evidential, jurisdictional and substantive issues of international criminal law;
 - coordination of meetings with client and counsel.

02/2020 – 05/2021

- *Employer:* International Criminal Court (ICC)
- *Post title:* Counsel
- *Other information:* Representation of a protected witness involving risk of self-incrimination in an Investigation by the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the ICC:
 - Representation of a witness in the context of investigation by the OTP;
 - Provision of advice to a protected witness providing sensitive evidence to the OTP;
 - coordination with relevant Court staff and personnel;
 - associated litigation on the matter.

04/2017 – 03/2021

- *Employer:* United Nations, Department of Political Affairs, Middle East and West Asia Division, and UNODC (Iraq)
- *Post title:* Senior Consultant
- *Other information:* Consulting on issues pertaining to anti-terrorism and ISIS accountability:
 - Provision of training to national magistrates, prosecutors, and defence counsels with respect to challenges associated with investigation and presentation of international terrorism cases;
 - Addressing of specific evidential and procedural challenges (including phone records and electronic evidence as well as protection of witnesses);
 - drafting of an official and published report on alternatives to detention.

10/2018 – 03/2019

- *Employer:* Director of Service Prosecutions, United Kingdom
- *Post title:* Expert-advisor
- *Other information:* Providing advice on a war crimes investigation:
 - Review of relevant evidential records;

	- Preparation of written advice on the legal nature and consequences of investigated conduct.
01/2017 – 08/2017	
- <i>Employer:</i>	<i>Pro bono</i> with the Director of Public Prosecution, Uganda, and UC Berkeley's Human Rights Center
- <i>Post title:</i>	Senior Consultant
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case <i>Prosecutor v. Thomas Kwoyelo</i>: - Provision of advice and support to the Director of Public Prosecution in preparation of the indictment and a legal strategy for effective and successful prosecution; - identifying of relevant evidential material; - provision of advice to prosecutors on legal, evidential and strategic issues related to the case.
10/2011 – 06/2017	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Counsel and legal consultant
- <i>Other information:</i>	First international terrorism trial in the case <i>Prosecutor v. Ayyash et al.</i> ("Rafik Hariri trial"); counsel for Mr. Assad Hassan Sabra: - Management of the defence team; - Conducting of investigations and trial preparation; - drafting of legal submissions; - trial advocacy, including cross-examination of witnesses; - drafting of party submissions; - coordination with relevant national actors; - instructing of experts; - performing of function without client instructions (absentia proceedings).
12/2016	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Amnesty International
- <i>Post title:</i>	Senior Consultant
- <i>Other information:</i>	Provision of technical assistance and advice regarding accountability efforts in Syria and setting up of a relevant investigative mechanism.
05/2013 – 05/2015	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Counsel
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case <i>Prosecutor v. General Milivoj Petković</i> (appeals proceedings): - Representation of the client; - Review of trial record and judgment; - Preparation and drafting of notice of appeal and appeal brief; - trial advocacy; - coordination of the defence with lead counsel and management of the team and research.
02/2013 – 12/2014	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Counsel
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case <i>Augustin Ngirabatware v. Prosecutor</i> (appeals proceedings): - Representation of the client; - review of trial record and judgment;

	- drafting of notice of appeal, appeal brief and other legal submissions; - trial advocacy.
09/2014 – 12/2014	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Consultant
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case <i>Prosecutor v. Khieu Samphan</i> (appeals proceedings), defense team of Khieu Samphan: - Provision of advice to the defendant's counsel on issues of international criminal law and associated evidential issues.
04/2011 – 11/2012	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Government of the Republic of Croatia
- <i>Post title:</i>	Counsel before International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case <i>Prosecutor v. Ante Gotovina</i> (appeals proceedings) - Representation of the client in appeals proceedings; - Review of trial record and trial judgment; - drafting of notice of appeal, appeal brief and other legal submissions; - research on relevant legal issues; - preparation of oral arguments.
12/2012	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Employee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Counsel for staff member of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL)
- <i>Other information:</i>	Investigation of staff member: - Provision of advice to staff regarding a prospective investigation.
02/2011 – 12/2011	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Counsel
- <i>Other information:</i>	Contempt investigation against staff member: - Representation of and advice to staff member; - preparation of legal submissions; - cooperation, interaction and negotiation with investigative authority.
02/2011	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Counsel
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case <i>Prosecutor v. Berko Zečević</i> (contempt of court case): - Provision of legal advice; - representation of the client in court.
09/2008 – 11/2010	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Legal Consultant and Assigned Counsel
- <i>Other information:</i>	Provision of support in setting up of the Defence Office, and counselling for the Defence Office in the context of jurisdictional proceedings: - Preparation of arguments for oral hearings (Interlocutory Decision on the Applicable Law: Terrorism, Conspiracy, Homicide, Perpetration, Cumulative Charging, Case No. STL-11-01, 16 February 2011); - Representation of the Defence office in jurisdictional hearing;

	- Preparation of notes and memoranda on relevant substantive and procedural matters of international law and procedure.
11/2010 – 03/2011	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Legal Consultant
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case <i>Prosecutor v. Prlić et al.</i>, defence team of General Milivoj Petković: - Reviewing of evidential records; - drafting of written submissions; - provision of advice on legal and procedural issues.
12/2009 – 09/2014	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Court (ICC)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Legal Consultant for Jean-Pierre Bemba
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case <i>Prosecutor v. Bemba</i>: - Conducting of legal research; - provision of advice to the client and counsel on legal, procedural and strategic issues.
03/2011 – 08/2011	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Austrian Criminal Courts
- <i>Post title:</i>	Advisor
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case <i>Republic of Serbia v. Jovan Divjak</i> (war crimes extradition proceedings between Austria and Serbia); advisor to Johan Divjak (former member of the General Staff of the Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina) - Provision of legal advice; - coordination of the representation of the client.
01/2010 – 09/2011	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Legal Consultant
- <i>Other information:</i>	Consulting on transitional justice, international criminal justice and procedure in different countries : Uganda (High Court War Crimes Division); Bangladesh (International Crimes Tribunal Act); Guatemala (CICIG report and transitional justice); Democratic Republic of Congo (legislative and judicial reforms regarding international crimes); Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (Action Plan on Peace, Justice and Reconciliation): - legal research; - human rights investigations; - advice on relevant legal issues, including transitional justice and accountability mechanisms.
11/2009 – 02/2011	
- <i>Employer:</i>	State Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, War Crimes Chamber
- <i>Post title:</i>	Counsel
- <i>Other information:</i>	Representation of a high-ranking military suspect in the context of a war crime investigation before the State Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina: - Conducting of investigation; - representation of the client during investigation; - interaction with the prosecutor;

	- litigation in relation to lawfulness of seizure of property.
02/2009 – 07/2011	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Counsel
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case against Florence Hartmann (contempt of court case):
	- Conducting of investigation;
	- representation of client during trial and appeal proceedings;
	- preparation of all submissions and filings.
06/2008 – 07/2009	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Legal Consultant
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case <i>Prosecutor v. Stanišić and Župljanin</i> (trial proceedings):
	- Review of evidential records;
	- preparation of cross-examination of witnesses;
	- drafting of legal submissions;
	- provision of advice to the clients and defence team on procedural, evidential and substantive issues.
06/2008 – 03/2009	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Legal Consultant
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case <i>Prosecutor v. Khieu Samphan</i> , Defence Support Section and defence team of Mr. Khieu Samphan:
	- Research for the Defence Support Section on issues of relevance to the case;
	- provision of legal advice to the client and defence team.
06/2006 – 05/2010	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Government of the Republic of North Macedonia (then, FYROM)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Counsel before International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case <i>Prosecutor v. Boškoski and Tarčulovski</i> (trial and appeals proceedings), counsel for Mr Ljube Boškoski:
	- Representation of the client during pre-trial, trial and appeal proceedings;
	- conducting of investigation;
	- drafting of legal submissions and briefs;
	- presentation of the case in court, cross-examination of witnesses.
02/2009	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Court (ICC)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Consultant
- <i>Other information:</i>	Preparation of a memorandum for the Registrar on the issue of “Intermediaries and the ICC”.
09/2003 – 10/2007	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Counsel
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the case <i>Prosecutor v. Halilović</i> (trial and appeals proceedings), counsel for Mr. Sefer Halilović:

	- Representation of client during pre-trial, trial and appeal proceedings; - conducting of investigation of the case; - drafting of legal submissions and briefs; - presentation of the case in court, cross-examination of witnesses.
01/2006 – 03/2006	
- <i>Employer:</i>	State Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, War Crimes Chamber
- <i>Post title:</i>	Consultant
- <i>Other information:</i>	Provision of legal advice to defence teams in several cases before the State Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina on international criminal law, international humanitarian law and human rights law issues
09/2003 – 12/2003	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Court (ICC)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Consultant
- <i>Other information:</i>	Provision of advice to the ICC Registrar on setting up of structures and policies of the Office
10/1999 – 09/2003	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), Trial and Appeals Chambers
- <i>Post title:</i>	Associate legal officer
- <i>Other information:</i>	In the cases <i>Prosecutor v Kunarac and al.</i>; <i>Prosecutor v Krnojelac</i>; <i>Prosecutor v Vasiljević</i>; <i>Prosecutor v Krstić</i>: - Review and analysis of large evidential records; - legal research; - drafting of judgement and decisions; - numerous interlocutory appeals decisions.
OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:	
2003-2025	• <i>Activity:</i> Training of legal practitioners, including: (1) War crimes judges and prosecutors (State court of Bosnia-Herzegovina); (2) Prosecutors and police members (Canada); (3) Judges, prosecutors and defence counsel (Iraq); (4) magistrates (France, Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature). Training pertained both to legal matters as well as the practice of international criminal law.
2001-2025	• <i>Activity:</i> Teaching, including: (1) Université de Fribourg (Switzerland); (2) University of Galway, Irish Human Rights Center (Ireland); (3) SciencesPo, Paris (France)
2017-2020	• <i>Activity:</i> Advising prosecuting authorities, including: (1) Uganda (Kwoyelo case); (2) United Kingdom (Director of Service Prosecution)
2014-2021	• <i>Activity:</i> Advice to states (including members of armed forces) in respect of domestic and international proceedings

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

- *International Crimes – The Law and the Practice: Volume 3: War Crimes* (Oxford University Press, scheduled for 2027).
- *A (very) short history of Crimes Against Humanity*, EJIL: Talk!, [Online](#), 16 January 2026.
- *International Crimes – The Law and the Practice: Volume 2: Crimes Against Humanity* (Oxford University Press, 2020).
- *International Crimes – The Law and the Practice: Volume 1: Genocide* (Oxford University Press, 2019) *Translated in Spanish as: Crímenes Internacionales: La Ley y la Práctica – Volumen I: Genocidio* (tirant, lo blanch, Mexico).
- *Expert Initiative on Promoting Effectiveness at the International Criminal Court* (with the support of the Swiss Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the University of Amsterdam) (2014) (with S. Fisher, D. Groome, A. Whiting, G. McIntyre, J. de Hemptinne and G. Sluiter).
- *The Law of Command Responsibility* (Oxford University Press, 2009)
- *Perspectives on the Nuremberg Trial* (Oxford University Press, 2008).
- *International crimes and the Ad Hoc Tribunals* (Oxford University Press, 2006).

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

Participated in and spoke at dozens of academic and professional conferences and seminars, concerning, *inter alia*, the law, practice and jurisprudence of international crimes and modes of liability; the procedural, evidential, and practical specificities of international criminal justice; the history of international criminal law; fair trial issues associated with war crimes prosecutions; the rule of law; hybrid nature of international criminal procedure; investigation of international crimes. These include:

- Ecole Nationale la Magistrature (Paris, France) : Training on the hybrid nature of criminal proceedings, with emphasis on the practice and jurisprudence of international criminal jurisdictions;
- Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section, Ministry of Justice (Ottawa, Canada): Training on the law and practice of international crimes, with particular emphasis on investigation and prosecution of such crimes;
- Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law CADHI (Strasbourg, France): Participation in [side-event](#) on the draft Convention on Crimes Against Humanity.
- National University of Ireland and Irish Center of Human Rights: Lectures on procedural and legal challenges of international crimes cases at the International Criminal Court Summer School in Galway.
- Asser Institute (The Hague, The Netherlands): Lectures on a variety of topics, including the law of genocide.

Lectured at various universities on international law, international criminal law and procedure, as well as international humanitarian law in the last twenty years, including SciencesPo Paris, PennState University, University of Amsterdam, University of Leiden, University of Geneva/Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law, University of Fribourg and University of Sarajevo.

Between 2024 and 2007 he was the scientific coordinator of the European Training in Higher International Criminal Sciences (ETHICS) Project at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

- Board of Editors , International Criminal Law Review, The Hague, the Netherlands
- Associate Tenant, Doughty Street Chambers, London, United Kingdom
- Defence Counsel list, International Criminal Court (ICC), The Hague, the Netherlands

AWARDS AND HONOURS
- Awarded the 2009 Francis Lieber Prize (Lieber Society of the American Society of International Law) for his publication <i>The Law of Command Responsibility</i> (Oxford University Press, 2009)
PERSONAL INTERESTS
History of international criminal law.
OTHER RELEVANT FACTS
- Practiced law: in different functions and capacities, in legal systems of various legal traditions (including civil law, common law and hybrid) and in different parts of the world (Latin America; Europe; Asia; Africa; and North America). - Worked for and advised: States and state organs (including prosecutorial authorities, police, members of armed forces); defendants in criminal cases; international organisations (including United Nations bodies); NGOs; and universities. - Expert on effectiveness of international criminal proceedings. See for instance: ➔ Expert Initiative on Promoting Effectiveness at the International Criminal Court (with S. Fisher, D. Groome, A. Whiting, G. McIntyre, J. de Hemptinne and G. Sluiter), supported by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland and the University of Amsterdam (2014) ➔ Trial record of <i>Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi et al.</i> (KSC-BC-2020-06).

7. MUZIGO-MORRISON, Rosette (Uganda)

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Note verbale

The Embassy of the Republic of Uganda to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Permanent Mission to the European Union presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties with reference to the latter's note ICC-ASP/25/SP/01/Corr.2 dated 16 December 2025.

The Embassy has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the Government of the Republic of Uganda hereby nominates Ms Rosette Muzigo-Morrison as a candidate for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court at the elections to be held during the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly in New York, from 7 to 17 December 2026.

The Embassy has the honour to attach to this note a statement prepared in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4(a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the Court (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended) and Ms Muzigo-Morrison's curriculum vitae.

Statement of qualifications

The Government of the Republic of Uganda hereby submits this "Statement of qualifications for the nominated candidate, pursuant to article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the Court (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended)".

(a) Procedure for nomination

Uganda followed the procedure for appointing to the highest judicial offices in Uganda, as outlined below, to nominate Ms Rosette Muzigo-Morrison. This is consistent with the requirements specified under article 36, paragraph 4(a)(i), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. The process entails constituting a selection panel of members of the Judicial Service Commission, making a recommendation to the appointing authority, the Head of State, who makes appointments to the highest judicial offices.

In this regard, a selection panel comprised of the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, a representative of the Attorney General's Chambers (the Deputy Attorney General), who sits on the Judicial Services Commission, the body mandated to make judicial appointments, and a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (this being an international appointment) was established. The Panel received expressions of interest from five applicants between November 2024 and May 2025.

Following a review of all five candidates' credentials, based on the criteria of article 36, the Panel determined that Ms Muzigo-Morrison possesses the requisite international criminal law practice of over thirty years at the international level. In particular, she has the all round international practice in prosecution, judicial, and registry work, and accordingly, Uganda's best-suited candidate.

The Ministry of Justice made a recommendation to the appointing authority for the highest judicial office in the Country, namely, the Head of State.

The President endorsed the panel's recommendation in October 2025.

(b) Criteria of high moral character, impartiality and integrity

Ms Muzigo-Morrison is a person of high moral character, integrity, and impartiality. In 2023, Ms Muzigo-Morrison successfully completed the Court's vetting process for election to the position of Registrar, and nothing has changed about her since that vetting. She is therefore a candidate who has already been through vetting for a high-level appointment at the Court.

(c) Possession of the qualifications required for appointment to the highest judicial offices at the national level

Ms Muzigo-Morrison possesses the academic qualifications and practical expertise for appointment to the highest judicial offices at the national level. She holds a Bachelor of Laws degree, two master's degrees and is completing a PhD in international human rights law. Additionally, she has over thirty years of criminal law practice.

(d) Established competence in criminal law and procedure, and the necessary relevant experience, whether as judge, prosecutor, and advocate or in other similar capacity, in criminal proceedings as detailed below

Ms Muzigo-Morrison has established competence in criminal law and procedure, and the necessary relevant experience, as a registrar in judicial practice, as a prosecutor, or in other similar capacity, in criminal proceedings as detailed below;

(i) Prosecution experience

2016-2021 – Office of the Prosecutor, Legal Advisory Section/Operations Officer; International Criminal Court

Among other roles, she applied legal expertise to analyse draft briefs and memoranda, provided legal advice in relation to filings, conducted legal research/investigations, and drafted position papers related to emerging complex issues, prepared conference papers and represented the Prosecutor, drafted oral and written briefs/presentations that were delivered by ICC staff at the United Nations, and delivered lectures to universities, groups, and visiting experts, including representing the office as an Expert on the rule of law legal round table organised by NATO in 2019.

Additionally, Ms Muzigo-Morrison coordinated the implementation of the policies on sexual and gender-based crimes, and the policy of crimes against and affecting children between 2019 and 2021. It was her responsibility to ensure that all Prosecution Teams paid particular attention to these crimes at all stages of the office's work.

1995-1997 – International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; as an Investigator and Legal Officer Ms Muzigo-Morrison was part of the pioneer Trial Team that arrived in Rwanda to investigate genocide and other serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in Rwanda in 1994. Her role in investigating, preparing the indictment, and defending it before the confirmation Judge in the Prosecutor vs. Jean Paul Akayesu, the first case to convict rape as an element of genocide, is particularly noteworthy. Ms Muzigo-Morrison also led the investigations, preparation of the indictment, and its confirmation and the confirmation hearing in the Prosecutor vs. Georges Anderson Rutaganda. She led the selection of Prosecution witnesses and appeared for the Prosecutor. She was on the Butare files, particularly, in the preparation of the indictment of The Prosecutor vs Higaniro.

1995 February-July – International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia as a Fellow/Intern

Ms Muzigo-Morrison served in the Legal Advisory Section. In addition to conducting groundbreaking research on the classification of conflicts and the nexus of internationality, she was part of the Teams in the Duško Tadić case and The Prosecutor v. Dragan Nikolic case.

(ii) Judicial experience

2012-2015 – As a Legal Officer, Appeals Chamber, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda Ms Muzigo-Morrison supported the work of the Judges and was involved in the deliberations, the preparation of decisions, orders, and judgments. She was part of the Team that drafted the Augustin Ndindiliyimana, François-Xavier Nzuwonemeye, and Innocent Sagahutu Vs. The Prosecutor. Additionally, Ms Muzigo-Morrison regularly filled in for ICTR Judges' Legal Officers when needed.

2005-2015 – Presiding Officer, Rule 33 B (Depositions); As Presiding Officer, Rule 33B bis International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

In 2005, Ms Muzigo-Morrison was appointed Presiding Officer for all hearings on the certification of witness testimony across Europe, the United States of America, and Canada. This entailed travelling to all locations where witnesses were located and presiding over the certification of their depositions in the presence of both the

Prosecution and the Defence. The role imparted skills and experience in presiding over and managing hearings, which are vital for a judge.

(iii) Registrar experience

2000-2015 – As Registrar’s Representative - International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

Having earlier on served as an Assistant to the Registrar, at the time when the Duty Stations of Rwanda (UNAMIR, under which the Tribunal operated initially had completed its mandate) and Arusha, Tanzania, were established, Ms Muzigo-Morrison was designated as the Representative of the Registrar to establish a Rwanda Tribunal Office in The Hague.

With the experience of pioneering the establishment of the first witnesses/victims support and protection section in international criminal justice, Ms Muzigo-Morrison’s experience was key to all registry functions, but particularly with the management, support and protection of persons of interest to the Tribunal. Her role included providing strategic advice and guidance to the Registrar on all services relating to witnesses and victims, and appearing for the Registrar. She established policies and created standard operating procedures for protocols related to the management, support, and protection of witnesses. She defined witnesses/victims’ rights, which included specifying their benefits and defining the responsibilities of witnesses and victims, before, during, and after testimony. The protocols pioneered culminated in the establishment of policies that translated international provisions of human rights instruments to practical application, for the benefit of witnesses and victims. These protocols and policies have since been adopted in all international tribunals and the Court.

2006-2008 – Special Court for Sierra Leone

The decision to conduct the highly publicised and sensitive trial of former Liberian President Charles Taylor in The Hague required an experienced representative of the Registrar. Ms Muzigo-Morrison was loaned from the Rwanda Tribunal to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to assume this role, demonstrating the United Nation’s Office of Legal Affairs’ recognition of her experience in Registry matters. Ms Muzigo-Morrison liaised with Host Country authorities and spearheaded negotiations to establish cooperation protocols/agreements for the management and movement of witnesses and victims across continents. This meant overcoming challenges, including obtaining immigration waivers and ensuring the provision of protection for safe houses and for movements to and from the Court. This insight of incorporating cultural diversity, gender mainstreaming, incorporating mechanisms to support victims with special needs, victims of sexual and gender based crimes, and witnesses who were children at the time the crimes were committed, has a direct impact on the trials. A judge who has benefited from being part of the process of building mechanisms to protect and support victims will be an asset to the bench.

2000-2015

Experience working with accused persons, the defence and their families; As a Registrar’s representative for seventeen years, Ms Muzigo-Morrison had the rare privilege of working directly with accused persons, defence teams, establishing mechanisms for the implementation of defence rights, liaison with their families, especially when family members had to give evidence. For example, time with the families of three former heads of state gave her a rare insight into defence cases, which we believe is important, and helped her appreciate the challenges faced by all parties in international criminal justice.

(e) Knowledge of and fluency in either English or French

Ms Muzigo-Morrison is a native English speaker and has received all her education in English. She is at the B1 level of French.

(f) Indication of nomination for List A or List B

Based on her academic qualifications and practice with international criminal tribunals, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the Independent Commission of Inquiry on Libya and the International Criminal Court, Ms Muzigo-Morrison is hereby nominated under list B.

(g) Information relating article 36, paragraph 8(a)(i) to (iii), of the Rome Statute

For the purposes of article 36, paragraph 8(a)(i) to (iii), of the Rome Statute, Ms Muzigo-Morrison received her education from Uganda, the United States of America, and the Republic of Ireland. That would make her more inclined towards the **Common law system**. However, having practised international criminal law with the

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and the ICC, she is well versed in both the civil law and common law systems.

(h) Gender and Regional Group

Ms Rosette Muzigo-Morrison identifies as a female and a member of the Africa Regional Group.

(i) Legal expertise on specific issues, including, but not limited to, violence against women or children

In addition to being part of the Prosecution Team for the first case to convict rape as an element of genocide, Ms Muzigo-Morrison has, since 2009 to date, served as a UN Women/Justice Rapid Response Expert. In that regard, she is a roster member for investigating and prosecuting conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence. She has been deployed as an Investigator in Libya and as a Witness/Victims' Support Expert in Rwanda.

Ms Muzigo is also an expert in investigating allegations of Sexual Abuse and exploitation, bullying, harassment, including sexual harassment and misconduct. She was deployed to Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. She has also been deployed as a Protection Expert and has established a programme to support, protect, and advocate for Witnesses/Victims/Whistleblowers.

Since 2019, she has served as an expert and Trainer of Trainers in recognising, investigating, and prosecuting sexual and gender based crimes and crimes against or affecting children for NATO. She has, in this regard, contributed to a manual for training NATO service personnel deployed in crisis situations. The manual was published in 2021. She has conducted training for Ukrainian, Polish, and other investigators and prosecutors.

This practical and academic experience makes Ms Muzigo uniquely qualified to be a judge at the ICC, having experience with all organs of the Tribunals/Courts: the prosecution, the registry, and the judiciary. She brings insight and courtroom experience, uniquely informed by both academic knowledge and field experience. This is what makes Ms Muzigo-Morrison an unparalleled qualified candidate for the position of Judge of the ICC.

(j) Nationality under which the candidate is nominated

Ms Muzigo is a Ugandan national and exercises her civic rights in Uganda.

(k) Commitment to take up full-time service

Ms Muzigo is dedicated to being available to assume the role of Judge at the ICC, full-time, when the Court's workload requires her service.

Curriculum vitae

Family Name:	MUZIGO-MORRISON
FIRST NAME:	Rosette
MIDDLE NAME:	Kawaaluko
GENDER:	Female
DATE OF BIRTH:	5 February 1964
NATIONALITY:	Ugandan
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Africa
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)	

MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List B	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: Lusoga	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Basic	(oral) Basic
- OTHERS	Swahili : (written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i>		
08/1993 - 05/1994 - <i>Institution:</i> University of Notre Dame - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Master of Laws		
08/1992 - 08/1993 - <i>Institution:</i> University of Notre Dame - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Master of Arts		
10/1984 - 06/1988 - <i>Institution:</i> Makerere University, Kampala - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Bachelor of Laws		
03/1982 - 03/1984 - <i>Institution:</i> Namasagali College - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> High School Diploma		
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: <i>Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i> <i>- Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate</i>		
10/2024 - to date - <i>Employer:</i> Kampala International University - <i>Post title:</i> Global Team Coordinator - <i>Other information:</i> I coordinate the development and establishment of collaborative programmes with European Universities in The Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany. The purpose is to advance partnerships for conducting research and enriching course contents. My focus area is incorporating international human rights, international humanitarian law, prevention of conflict related sexual and gender-based violence, immigration, and education for refugees, and aspects in the University’s general curriculum. Emphasis is on empowering of women and girls with skills to increase their active participation in decision-making regarding, conflict prevention, innovations and development goals. The ultimate objective is to create human rights awareness and to prevent their violation.		
09/2021 - to date - <i>Employer:</i> The Government of the Republic of Uganda - <i>Post title:</i> Ad Hoc Principal Legal Adviser; Government of the Republic of Uganda - <i>Other information:</i> I advise, (when needed), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through Uganda’s Mission to Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxemburg and the Permanent		

Representation to the European Union, the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs (Attorney General's Chambers International Law Department), on implications of arising international law issues or situations, in the legal institutions in Brussels and The Hague, and how the issues interact with our domestic law.

I advise on how to formulate and implement foreign policies aligned with international law and how this interacts with Ugandan law and impacts the country's policies and regional peace and security.

I undertake negotiations, draft and interpret international agreements involving a wide range of complex legal matters, such as peace initiatives, and arms control discussions. I support the Mission's technical involvement with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). I support the interpretation of trade agreements, international commodity agreements, consular conventions and private law conventions on subjects like judicial cooperation and obligations under the Rome Statute (ICC).

I conduct research and advise the government on complex issues in international law arising before the International Court of Justice. I advise the Mission on how to ensure conformity of new treaties with general rules of international law (particularly *jus cogens*) and Uganda's previously adopted legal obligations.

I represent or assist delegations at international organizations and conferences and prepare submissions; such as (*Amicus Curie*) to the International Criminal Court, the International Court of Justice, and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

I represent Uganda in various bilateral or multilateral meetings and diplomatic conferences.

I provide legal advice to the Assembly of States Parties delegations and prepare presentations and national statements.

I provide penetrating, critical, and analytical assistance about Uganda's international legal obligations or rights.

I conduct training for national officials about the continuous developments of norms on human rights and fundamental freedoms, rights of minorities, environmental law, and the responsibility to provide solid, unbiased, objective legal advice and sometimes focused, well-intentioned criticism.

09/2021 - to date

- *Employer:*
- *Post title:*
- *Other information:*

Mazima Community Development Initiative

Director

I spearheaded the establishing of a comprehensive, survivor-centred programme to respond to documented increase of cases of domestic violence, sexual and gender-based violence, sexual exploitation and abuse, which significantly increased during the almost two years of lockdown of the COVID-19 pandemic, when all schools in Uganda were closed. The Busoga region, our operational area, was particularly adversely affected with reports of teen pregnancies and early marriages.

As one of the Directors, I lead a Team to manage a programme that aims at providing confidential clinical and psychosocial care and trauma-informed

counselling, community protection referrals, and prevention awareness campaigns. The beneficiaries are brought to the centre for twelve months.

The programme also aims at increasing meaningful participation in formal, and informal activities for girls, teen mothers, women and other marginalized groups. We aim to improve their wellbeing through vocational training and we offer pre-school training for the children of the teen mothers and children from the surrounding community. The Training empowers women's participation in decision-making roles, income generating activities, planning, women's economic empowerment, and the establishment of gender-responsive institutions to sexual and gender-based violence. We have special cases of families of "working teen mothers" rescued from the "streets" and supported to redefine their life goals and empowered to financially support their families.

The programme employs sustainable mechanisms for ending impunity of domestic sexual and gender-based violence, while promoting a gender-sensitive approach to preventing and countering crime and violent extremism.

In 2025, we incorporated vulnerable boys into the programme with the admission of an initial a hundred boys. They are equipped with vocational skills to assist them earn a living when they graduate from the programme. In addition to serving as a Director, I am also the Company Secretary for the Organisation. In this capacity, I have appeared for the organisation in criminal cases. I have also litigated for the Organisation in civil matters and have been successful in recovering the company's land that had been fraudulent sold.

I also collaborate with relative Government departments in matters such as providing medical, psychological and community support. I also collaborate with other non-governmental organisations working in similar fields.

09/2009 - 2026

- *Employer:*
- *Post title:*
- *Other information:*

UN Women/Justice Rapid Response

Expert

I have been an active member of the roster for investigating and prosecuting conflict related sexual and gender-based violence and as an Expert on Witness/Victims and Survivor issues. In this capacity I deployed to Libya, where I headed the investigation of sexual and gender-based crimes for the Independent Commission of Inquiry on Libya, under the auspices of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Against all odds, including, the prevalence of on going conflict, cultural, and religious challenges, I led a Team that successfully documented evidence of sexual abuse, both against female and male victims.

The Office of the Inspector General of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees deployed me to Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, as an Expert to investigate allegations of sexual abuse and exploitation; bullying, harassment, including sexual harassment and misconduct. As a Witness/Victim/Survivor/Whistleblower Protection/Support Expert, I established from scratch, the Organisations', first ever Witness/Victims/Whistle blower support and protection programme. Ensuring appropriate support and protection for victims and witnesses addresses the challenge of low reporting rates, fear of retaliation and other factors that impede the reporting of these vices.

As a trainer of trainers for recognising, investigating and prosecuting of sexual and gender-based crimes and crimes against or affecting children, I have conducted training for Polish and Ukrainian investigators in 2023, 2024

01/2016 - 08/2021

- *Employer:* International Criminal Court (ICC)
- *Post title:* Legal Adviser/Operations Officer
- *Other information:* As a Legal Advisor in the Legal Advisory Section of the Office of the Prosecutor, I applied legal expertise to analyse and draft briefs, memoranda and pleadings.

I provided legal advice in relation to filings of the Office of the Prosecutor.

I conducted legal research/investigations, and drafted position papers related to emerging complex issues, spearheaded the drafting of the policy on cultural heritage. 2019-2021.

I coordinated the implementation of the policy on sexual and gender-based crimes and the policy on crimes against or affecting children.

Additionally, I prepared conference papers and represented the Prosecutor, to external meetings; I drafted oral and written briefs/presentations that were delivered by ICC staff at the United Nations. I also delivered lectures to universities, groups, and visiting experts on behalf of the Office.

I represented the Prosecutor on the NATO Experts forum; Implementing the Rule of Law in Conflict situations and contributed a chapter in the training manual published in 2021.

As an Operations Officer at the Office of the Prosecutor, I managed field operations in seven situations. This entailed; supporting investigations teams, ensuring that adequate budget and logistics were in place. I prepared concepts of operations, conducted analysis including vulnerability/threat/risk assessments for witness/victim in order to develop appropriate support and protection. I reviewed witness statements and provided advice on aspects that required further investigation to strengthen the Prosecutor's case. I investigated incidents of staff misconduct and supervised operational expenditures. I prepared manuals, standard operating procedures, and other critical operational materials. I trained other Prosecution Staff in protection and support of vulnerable individuals who work with the office.

03/2000 - 12/2015

- *Employer:* International Criminal Tribunal For Rwanda (ICTR)
- *Post title:* Legal Officer
- *Other information:* I set up from scratch upwards the ICTR office in The Hague and was responsible for all the non-judicial aspects of the administration and servicing of the ICTR Office in The Hague. In this regard, I undertook all Registry functions including; Court Management, which entailed; management of judicial records; ensuring the efficient operation of appeal proceedings, in coordination with the head office, and providing language services. I was responsible for ensuring judicial cooperation for the enforcement of judicial in relation to witness/victim support and protection. In this role, I also had the privilege to work closely with Defence Counsel Teams, to manage and support their work. I was responsible for ICTR persons who were detained at the United Nations Detention Facility. I managed in coordination with the head office, language and conference services. As part of outreach and public relations, being the face of the ICTR in The Hague, I coordinated the

provision of information, and represented the Tribunal at diplomatic *corps* gatherings.

I prepared pleadings and appeared for the Registrar for all registry matters, under Rule 33B which required the Registrar to file submissions responding to issues of procedure, management, especially in regard witness support and protection, detention facilities, rights of accused persons and their welfare/defence and cooperation with Member States. I prepared practice directions and provided non-judicial support for the Judges of the Appeals Chamber.

I presided over all witness depositions and Witness Statement Certification procedures in Western Europe, and other regions and organised and represented the Registrar at all hearings held by video link.

From 2012 until its closure, I conducted researched and prepared legal memoranda, provided legal support to Judges of the Appeals Chamber; including the conducting of research, drafting of decisions, orders and judgments.

07/1997 - 03/2000

- *Employer:* International Criminal Tribunal For Rwanda (ICTR)
- *Post title:* Legal Officer/Assistant to Registrar
- *Other information:* I assisted the Registrar in the establishment of the duty stations in Arusha and Tanzania and all the novel structures to support the conducting of international criminal trials. This included, the development of the court management structures, defence structures, detention services, records and archives and the administration section. I assisted the Registrar in the preparation, review, and oversight of a large category of documents including draft correspondence to high level officials of Member States; speeches; reports; policies; press statements; and press releases, drafted and represented the Registrar during negotiations involving drawing the memoranda of understanding with the three host countries of Rwanda, Tanzania and The Netherlands, cooperation agreements on the movement and relocation of witnesses, and the serving of sentences for those convicted by the ICTR, conducted legal research, drafted briefs and pleadings relating to Registry matters on behalf of the Registrar. I appeared for the Registrar and acted as the official rapporteur of all Judges' plenary sessions.

12/1996 - 07/1997

- *Employer:* International Criminal Tribunal For Rwanda (ICTR)
 - *Post title:* Legal Officer/ Witness/Victims
 - *Other information:* I established from the ground up the first ever, Witnesses/Victims' Protection and Support Unit in international criminal justice for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. I provided strategic advice and guidance to the Registrar for all services relating to witnesses and victims appearing before the Tribunal, including the establishment of policies and the creation of standard operating procedures, defined witness/victims' rights, which included specifying their benefits and defining the responsibilities of witnesses and victims who appear before international criminal tribunals. I managed the coordination of activities relevant to security, welfare and wellbeing of all witness and persons interacting with the tribunal.
- I pioneered the establishment of protocols, out of policies and international provisions of human rights instruments to translate them into practical application to facilitate the protection and support of witnesses and victims. I drafted, reviewed, and revised, as necessary, standard operating procedures intended to support the protective measures in place, a novel, and

unprecedented initiative. I spoke at a side event at the Rome Conference on practical implications of definitions and safeguards to be included in the Rome Statute and the Courts Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

I represented the Registry in court on matters relating to the Witnesses/Victims' Support Section issues, drafted and prepared pleadings, motions, briefs and legal memoranda for submissions related to WVSS issues, and coordinated and ensured the implementation of protective measures handed down by the Tribunal.

07/1995 - 12/1996

- *Employer:* International Criminal Tribunal For Rwanda (ICTR)
- *Post title:* Associate Legal Officer/ Investigator
- *Other information:* I was part of the pioneer prosecution team to arrive in Kigali, which prosecuted groundbreaking cases, prepared indictments and defended them before the review committee, prior to their filing. I appeared for the Prosecutor in the first case that convicted rape as an element of rape, the Prosecutor vs. Jean Paul Akayesu. The documentary "The UnCondemned" in which I appear in the Trailer, is based on this trial.

I also led the Team that investigated from scratch the Prosecutor vs Georges Anderson, appeared for the Prosecutor at the confirmation of the indictment and during the trials phase. I conducted legal research, prepared motions, responses to defence motions, legal memoranda, prepared pleadings, on emerging and novel complex legal issues.

During the investigations, I conducted witness interviews and gathered evidence. It was the first time that an international criminal tribunal was combining criminal law, international humanitarian law, to bring perpetrators to account.

I served as a member of the first sexual violence committee for prosecution of sexual and gender-based crimes, which role entailed coordinating with relevant offices, to develop practical tools relating to the investigation and prosecution of gender-based crimes and crimes committed against and affecting children. The committee established protocols, set up templates, and operations manuals to ensure that such crimes were not missed.

Since the Registry had not established a Witnesses/Victims' support and protection Section, I innovatively established mechanisms to support and protect the witnesses and victims.

02/1995 - 07/1995

- *Employer:* International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- *Post title:* Junior Professional/Fellow
- *Other information:* I served as a Clerk to the Prosecutor's Expert Witness; Theodore Meron on a research project for the characterisation of conflicts, whether or not the internationality or lack of it, of the conflict had a nexus on the triggering of International Humanitarian Law.

As part of the pioneering Legal Advisory Section of the Office of the Prosecutor, I was involved in the conducting of legal research on arising complex legal issues, including the Prosecutor vs Nikolić, Dragan (IT-94-2), presentation of evidence in the absence of the accused under Rule 61 of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

06/1988 - 01/1995

- <i>Employer:</i>	Planning, Development and Rehabilitation Office
- <i>Post title:</i>	Deputy Director/Human Rights Programme Officer
- <i>Other information:</i>	I developed a programme to assist conflict resolution incorporation into the Ugandan primary and secondary school education curriculum. I spearheaded the training of cultural, religious and community leaders to sensitise them on human rights awareness and the emancipation of women. I researched and conducted investigations into human rights violations and prepared reports that challenged government institutions. I additionally conducted training programmes for Refugees Camp Leaders in partnership with the UNHCR. I set up a programme to offer pro bono legal aid to the less privileged (mostly very poor women and children).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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09/2019-10/2021

Activity: RULE OF LAW EXPERT; NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION/SECURITY FORCE ASSISTANCE

I represented the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to a Legal Round Table of Experts between 2019 and 2021. The round table project’s focus was “Promote the Rule of Law and Good Governance, the role of the Security Force Assistance Centre for Excellence; Implications in International Initiatives” and culminated in the preparation of a training manual on the Rule of law.

I contributed a chapter; in the manual providing training materials for preparing NATO Forces to recognise, investigate and prosecute conflict related sexual and gender-based abuse in conflict situations.

Through the contacts from the NATO Round Table, I have been invited and have conducted training for Ukraine Prosecutors on investigating and prosecuting conflict related sexual and gender-based abuse in crisis situations.

10/2011-03/2012

Activity: SEXUAL & GENDER-BASED INVESTIGATOR: UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS; 2011 TO 2012

I was deployed to Libya and headed investigations on gender-based violence for the Independent Commission of Inquiry on Libya. I prepared investigation plans; liaised with other non-governmental organisations, humanitarian agencies, and other UN specialised agencies to identify potential witnesses and victims. I conducted investigations, recorded witness statements, and prepared reports on the situation of refugees and other vulnerable people. I identified the needs of witnesses and victims, and pinpointed support mechanisms for victims locally and internationally. I provided witness support/protection training to Commission staff.

Additionally, I contributed critical input to the final report of the Commission of Inquiry on the findings of the investigations. I trained other investigators in interview techniques; based on the victim centred approach and do no more harm principle of the OHCHR. I conducted security risk, threat, vulnerability, and situational analyses for the purpose of developing appropriate protection-and-support mechanisms for witnesses and victims of crime.

I developed a template for conducting interviews for victims, especially victims of sexual violence. I facilitated the reaching of understanding between the ICC Office of the Prosecutor and OHCHR, which enables OHCHR investigators to seek the consent of the witnesses/victims to share contents of their

statements with the ICC Prosecutor. I also developed a witness and victims' support/protection programme.

I received formal commendation in writing for my contribution to the work of the Commission of inquiry, upon its delivery to the UN General Assembly.

06-08/2010

Activity: UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES; CONFLICT RELATED SEXUAL AND GENDER- BASED VIOLENCE; SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE

I was deployed under the Office of the Inspector General of the UNCR to the Democratic Republic of Congo to be part of a Team to investigate allegations of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation. I investigated allegations of bullying, harassment, including sexual harassment and misconduct, committed by UN Staff and other employees of International Humanitarian Assistance providing entities. When protectors turn into predators, the United Nations must act decisively. In the last two decades, the UN has enforced a zero tolerance policy for Conflict Related Sexual and Gender Based Violence. This was part of the programme aimed at addressing conflict related violence and bringing perpetrators to accountability.

In recognition of how the fear for retaliation impedes reporting or giving evidence, the UNCR deployed me as a Witness/Victims/Whistle blower support and protection expert to establish the first ever protection and support programme in the organisation's history. The programme included providing specialised training to the investigators for conducting interviews with victims of sexual crimes, establishing protective measures that have over been translated into protocols and policies.

10/2006-05/2008

Activity: LEGAL COORDINATOR; SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

Acting as a Representative of the Registrar, I established a duty station in The Hague for the trial of the highly sensitive and widely publicised case of the Former Liberian President; Charles Taylor. I set up all Registry functions, negotiated and concluded host country agreements with the Dutch government and drafted internal arrangements relating to the provision of non-judicial administrative support to the judges, staff and witnesses, defence teams and the accused person.

I managed the movement, support and protection of witnesses to the trial. This was the first time that all witnesses were being flown from one continent across over to another continent. The lessons learned have been vital for the Court.

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

1. Training on the Investigation & Prosecution of Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes in Crisis Situations in the International Criminal Court (ICC) Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) Policy Paper, NATO, October 2021
2. Victims and Witnesses in Fact-Finding Commissions: Pawns or Principal Pieces? In "The Transformation of Human Rights Fact-Finding, Philip Alston (ed.), Sarah Knuckey (ed.), <https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780190239480.001.0001>
3. The Rights of the Victims; THE ELGAR COMPANION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA, Edited by Anne-Marie de Brouwer, Tilburg University and Alette Smeulers, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, 978 1 78471 169 6 .
4. Invoking International Human Rights Law for the Emancipation of Women in Uganda, LLM Thesis, University of Notre Dame, 1994.

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

1. Towards Universal Human Dignity: Challenging the Undeclared War, Hesburgh Centre for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, USA, November 2024.
2. Summer School "Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity in International Law: Human Rights and Beyond". The Hague & Amsterdam, Wednesday 24 July – Friday 2 August 2019.
3. Human Rights and Justice, The Hague Institute for Global Justice, The Hague, The Netherlands, June 8th - 10th, 2015.

4. Victims and International Justice, at the Institute of Technology, Dublin, Republic of Ireland. April 2008
5. Human Rights Weekend: Behind the Headlines, De Balie, Amsterdam, 27 January-29 January 2017, premiering the Documentary, “The Uncondemned” on the Jean Paul Akayesu Case, the first case to recognise Rape as an Element of Genocide.
MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES
International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA –UGANDA) American Association of International Law Justice Rapid Response. International Association of Court Administrators
AWARDS AND HONOURS
• Distinguished Alumni Award (2011), University of Notre Dame for Contributions to Peace-Building and Human Rights • Recipient of a Ford Foundation Scholarship Award (1993) • International Peace Scholar, Joan Kroc Institute of International Studies, USA (1992) • Recipient of the Busoga Local Administration Scholarship for Distinguished Students (1975)
PERSONAL INTERESTS
Travel, Singing, hospitality, cooking for large groups.
OTHER RELEVANT FACTS
PhD Candidate (in progress), Human Rights Law, National University of Ireland, Irish Centre for Human Rights, Galway. “Beyond [the Limits of] Current Jurisprudence/Law [and Practices]: A Case for Enforceable Rights and Remedies for Victims of Genocide and Other Violations of International Humanitarian Law”.

8. NANGELA, Deo John (United Republic of Tanzania)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of State Parties and has the honour to inform that the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has decided to present the candidature of Honourable Judge Dr. Deo John Nangela for the position of judge at the International Criminal Court for the term 2027-2036, at the elections to be held during the 25th session of the Assembly of States Parties in New York, December 2026.

Dr. Nangela is a highly distinguished jurist whose career exemplifies judicial independence, integrity, and excellence in criminal justice. With over 25 years of experience as a prosecutor, judge, academic, and judicial administrator, his qualifications fully satisfy the requirements set out in article 36(3)(a) of the Rome Statute and resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6.

He currently serves as a Justice of the Court of Appeal of Tanzania, the apex judicial body of the country. His elevation to this office reflects the confidence of the legal community in his ethical conduct, independence, and sound judicial temperament.

Previously, as Judge-in-Charge of the High Court of Tanzania (Sumbawanga Zone), Dr. Nangela exercised both judicial and administrative authority over criminal, civil and commercial matters across multiple regions. In this capacity, he demonstrated exceptional leadership in ensuring judicial efficiency, accountability, and public confidence in the administration of justice. Throughout his career as a judge, prosecutor, regulator and academic, Dr. Nangela has consistently upheld the rule of law and the highest standards of judicial ethics.

Occupying senior judicial offices, Dr. Nangela is accustomed to managing factually and legally complex criminal cases, delivering reasoned judgments in accordance with due process and fair trial guarantees.

Dr. Nangela possesses extensive experience relevant to article 36 (3) (b) (ii) of the Rome Statute. He has demonstrated strong competence in international law, international criminal law, and human rights law, both in judicial practice and academia. He has taught criminal law, international criminal law, and human rights law at the University of Dar es Salaam, contributing to the development of legal expertise in Tanzania and globally.

In addition to his distinguished professional background, Judge Nangela meets the personal qualities and values required for the responsibilities of Judicial office at the International Criminal Court.

Statement of qualifications

*This statement in support of the candidature of **Dr. Deo John Nangela** is submitted in accordance with **article 36 of the Rome Statute** of the International Criminal Court and the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the International Criminal Court (**ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended**).*

The United Republic of Tanzania nominates Dr. Deo John Nangela as its candidate for election to the International Criminal Court for the term 2027–2036, to be held at the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 7 to 17 December 2026.

In nominating Dr. Nangela, the United Republic of Tanzania followed the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in the United Republic of Tanzania, in accordance with article 36 (4) (a) (i) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Dr. Nangela is a highly distinguished jurist whose career exemplifies judicial independence, integrity, and excellence in criminal justice. With over **25 years of experience** as a prosecutor, judge, academic, and judicial administrator, his qualifications fully satisfy the requirements set out in article 36(3)(a) of the Rome Statute and resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6.

Below follows detailed information in accordance with article 36 of the Rome Statute:

a) High moral character, impartiality and integrity (article 36 (3) (a))

Dr. Deo John Nangela is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and possesses the qualifications required in the United Republic of Tanzania for appointment to the highest judicial offices, within the meaning of article 36 (3) (a) of the Rome Statute.

He currently serves as a Justice of the Court of Appeal of Tanzania, the apex judicial body of the country. His elevation to this office reflects the confidence of the legal community in his ethical conduct, independence, and sound judicial temperament.

Previously, as Judge-in-Charge of the High Court of Tanzania (Sumbawanga Zone), Dr. Nangela exercised both judicial and administrative authority over criminal, civil and commercial matters across multiple regions. In this capacity, he demonstrated exceptional leadership in ensuring judicial efficiency, accountability, and public confidence in the administration of justice.

Throughout his career as a judge, prosecutor, regulator and academic, Dr. Nangela has consistently upheld the rule of law and the highest standards of judicial ethics.

b) Competence in criminal law and procedure and relevant professional experience (article 36 (3) (b))

Dr. Nangela fulfils the requirements of article 36 (3) (b) (i) of the Rome Statute by virtue of his extensive competence in criminal law and criminal procedure.

He began his legal career at the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, where he prosecuted serious criminal offences and acquired solid experience in criminal investigations, assessment of evidence, and trial proceedings. As a Judge of the High Court and later the Court of Appeal, he has adjudicated a wide range of criminal cases and appeals involving vulnerable victims, human rights, gender-based violence particularly against women and children gaining comprehensive experience at both trial and appellate levels which are direct relevant to the mandate and work of the ICC.

Occupying senior judicial offices, Dr. Nangela is accustomed to managing factually and legally complex criminal cases, delivering reasoned judgments in accordance with due process and fair trial guarantees.

In addition, Dr. Nangela possesses extensive experience relevant to article 36 (3) (b) (ii) of the Rome Statute. He has demonstrated strong competence in international law, international criminal law, and human rights law, both in judicial practice and academia. He has taught criminal law, international criminal law, and human rights law at the University of Dar es Salaam, contributing to the development of legal expertise in Tanzania and globally.

c) Language proficiency (article 36 (3) (c))

Dr. Nangela is a native Swahili speaker and has an excellent command of the English language, both orally and in writing, therefore fully capable of working in one of the working languages of the Court.

d) List designation and article 36 (8) (a) information

Dr. Deo John Nangela is being nominated for inclusion in List A for the purposes of article 36 (5) of the Rome Statute. The information relating to article 36 (8) (a) (i)–(iii) is as follows:

- (i) Dr. Nangela has been trained, qualified and continues to practise in a professional legal capacity in the United Republic of Tanzania, which has a Common Law legal system;
- (ii) He is a national of the United Republic of Tanzania, a Member State of the African Group;
- (iii) He is a male judge.

e) Particular expertise (article 36 (8) (b))

Dr. Nangela has acquired particular expertise within the meaning of article 36(8)(b) of the Rome Statute through his extensive prosecutorial and judicial experience in cases of vulnerable and marginalised group such as victims of rape and other forms of sexual and gender-based violence against women and children, as well as atrocities

against persons with albinism. In doing so, he ensured the protection of witnesses while upholding due process standards consistent with international criminal law. His experience reflects a deep understanding of the evidentiary, procedural, and psychosocial complexities inherent in cases involving marginalised groups.

In addition, he has also handled cases involving violations of fundamental human rights, cartel activity and transnational economic crimes, including market abuse and financial fraud, before the Fair Competition Commission, the Fair Competition Tribunal, and the Court of Appeal of Tanzania.

f) Nationality

Dr. Deo John Nangela is a national of the United Republic of Tanzania and does not possess the nationality of any other State.

g) Availability and commitment

Dr. Nangela is fully aware of the responsibilities, independence requirements, and workload associated with the office of Judge of the International Criminal Court. If elected, he will take all necessary measures to devote himself exclusively to the functions of the Court, in full conformity with the Rome Statute.

Curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	NANGELA	
FIRST NAME:	Deo	
MIDDLE NAME:	John	
GENDER:	Male	
DATE OF BIRTH:	6 November 1971	
NATIONALITY:	Tanzanian	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	African Group	
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A / LIST B:	List A	
LANGUAGES:	Mother tongue: Kiswahili	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- KISWAHILI	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:		
11/2011		
- Institution:	University of Cape Town, South Africa, Faculty of Law	
- Qualification(s) obtained:	PhD	
09/2000 - 09/2001		
- Institution:	University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), United Kingdom	
- Qualification(s) obtained:	Masters of Laws (LLM) in Public International Law	

06/1994 - 07/1997	
- Institution:	University of Dar es Salaam, Faculty of Law (Now School of Law, University of Dar es Salaam).
- Qualification(s) obtained:	First Degree in Law (LLB (Hons)).
08/1997- 07/1998:	
- Institution:	Attorney General Chambers, Office of the Attorney General, United Republic of Tanzania
- Qualification(s) obtained:	Certificate of Practical Legal Training (Internship)
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:	
01/2025 – Present	
- Employer:	The Judiciary of Tanzania
- Post title:	Justice of the Court of Appeal of Tanzania
- Other information:	Responsible for determining appeals on points of law in proceedings dealing with crimes such as murder, manslaughter, sexual and gender-based violence particularly against women and children, Armed Robbery; corporate fraud and other related-financial crimes, transnational organized crimes, including terrorism, narcotic substances (drugs), wildlife and human trafficking; tax evasion and other related offences. He also handles appeals of civil nature, including constitutional and human rights-related appeals. Participates and provides assessments and advice to the Chief Justice on matters of judiciary-led reforms, as a member of the Chief Justice’s Committee on Judicial Reforms.
11/2023 - 01/2025	
- Employer:	The Judiciary of Tanzania
- Post title:	Judge-in -Charge, High Court of Tanzania, Sumbawanga Sub-Registry of the High Court of Tanzania.
- Other information:	Provided strategic leadership in judicial operations, encompassing case management, adjudication, and court administration, with oversight of the effective integration of ICT to enhance the performance of judicial functions across all subordinate courts within the jurisdiction. Ensured the timely, efficient, and high-quality delivery of judicial services by both judicial and non-judicial officers. Oversaw the administration of justice in alignment with the Judiciary of Tanzania Strategic Plans (2020/2021–2025/2026). Championed judicial reform initiatives and led the implementation of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) programmes. Presided over complex criminal trials and adjudicated appellate matters arising from District and Resident Magistrates’ Courts involving vulnerable victims, human rights, gender-based violence particularly against women and children. Provided mentorship and professional guidance to junior judges and magistrates in criminal, civil, environmental, and human rights law.
11/2019 – 11/2023	
- Employer:	The Judiciary of Tanzania
- Post title:	Judge, Commercial Court Division of the High Court of Tanzania & and Chairperson of Capital Markets Tribunal

- Other information:	Judge of the High Court of Tanzania (Commercial Division) and Chairperson of the Capital Markets Tribunal, with responsibility of adjudicating complex commercial and financial matters, including corporate fraud, financial crimes, and regulatory compliance cases. Issued judgments and rulings with broad implications for economic governance and justice.
03/2012 - 02/2019	
- Employer:	The Fair Competition Commission (FCC)
- Post title:	Director of Compliance & Chief Legal Counsel/Secretary to the Commission
- Other information:	Led investigations into corporate misconduct, cartel behavior, and transnational economic crimes. Served as a lead prosecutor and prosecuted about 48 cases involving market abuse, financial fraud, and consumer rights violation before the Commission, the Fair Competition Tribunal and the Court of Appeal of Tanzania.
2008	
- Employer:	Office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP's-Office)
- Post title:	Special Prosecutor
- Other information:	Led investigations and trials related to the prosecution of transnational crimes, including illegal fishing in Tanzania's Economic Exclusive Zone. Facilitated cross-border legal cooperation on economic crimes. Prosecuted appellate cases at the High Court and the Court of Appeal of Tanzania involving murder, money laundering, sexual and gender-based violence against women and children, as well as atrocities against persons with albinism. Provided legal advice on a range of crime control issues, prosecuting offenses against the nation's criminal code, and performing other prosecution-related tasks as delegated by the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP).
11/2002- 02/2012	
- Employer:	The University of Dar es Salaam
- Post title:	Lecturer (Public Law Department)
- Other information:	Taught International Criminal Law, Human Rights Law, Criminal Procedure, International Environmental Law and Policy, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Law and Law of Evidence. Supervised research on international law, transitional justice, and Constitutional & Human rights violations.
08/1998 - 11/2002	
- Employer: -	Office of the Attorney General's Chambers, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
- Post title:	Senior State Attorney
- Other information:	Provided expert legal opinions in international arbitral proceedings. Drafted indictments and other court pleadings for filing before the High Court and the Court of Appeal of Tanzania. Prosecuted complex criminal matters before the High Court and represented the Republic in appellate proceedings before both the High Court and the Court of Appeal. Supervised and mentored junior prosecutors in the conduct of criminal and civil litigation before subordinate courts and the High Court of Tanzania.
08/1997 - 07/1998	
- Employer:	The Office of Attorney General Chambers, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
- Post title:	State Attorney Trainee & Research Assistant

- Other information: Rendered legal opinions in criminal and civil matters. Draft indictments and related pleadings for proceedings before the High Court and the Court of Appeal of Tanzania. Provided legal research assistance to senior prosecutors and lead counsel in the course of prosecution of crimes before the High Court and Court of appeals.

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS:

Books and Chapter in Books

Urban Planning and Development Law in Tanzania, Juris Publishers Ltd, (2020).

The Law on E-Commerce & E-Contracting in Tanzania, Reach Publishers, South Africa (2018).

'Harmonization of Competition Laws in the EAC: Some Reflections' in Döveling, J., Majamba, H.I., Oppong, R.F. and Wanitzek, U (editors), Harmonization of Laws in the East African Community: The State of Affairs with Comparative Insights from the European Union and Other Regional Economic Communities, Law Africa Publishing, (2018).

'Role of Government in Promoting Sustainable Economic Growth through Competition Reforms: Exploring the Challenges in the Competition Regime Tanzanian Case' in Pursuing Competition and Regulatory Reforms for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals, CUTS International, Jaipur, 2016.

Journal Articles & Reports:

"Institutional Democratic Practice, Openness, Accountability, and Human Rights in Tanzania," *LST Law Review Journal* (2017)

"Averting Water Conflicts in the Nile Basin: Towards Equitable Utilization", *Orient Journal of Law and Social Sciences* (2008)

Terrorism and the Law in Tanzania, Workshop Paper (2003)

Tanzanian Courts and Enforcement of Fishery Laws: A Need for Reforms? Seminar Paper (2006)

The "Death" to Death Penalty Project, Consultancy Report, Tanzania Law and Human Rights Centre (2007)

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS:

- **2023:** Judicial Reforms in Sub-Saharan Africa (Regional Conference)
- **2021:** African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights: Building Trust in African Judiciaries, Dar-es-Salam, Tanzania.
- **2018–2019:** Cartel Investigation Training, African Competition Forum, Dar es Salaam
- **2016:** WTO Seminar on Trade & Competition Policy, Geneva
- **2015:** EAC-SADC-COMESA Negotiations on Regional Competition Law, Nairobi
- **1999:** Human Rights Training for Legal Professionals, Ministry of Justice, Tanzania

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES:

- East African Magistrates and Judges Association (EAMJA)
- Tanzania Magistrates and Judges Association (TMJA)
- Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), Non-Practicing Member
- Institute of Directors in Tanzania, Certified Director (M-IoDT278)

AWARDS & HONOURS:

Recognition for Excellence in Judicial ADR Services, Judiciary of Tanzania (2023)

9. NDUNGU, Njoki (Kenya)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of the Republic of Kenya to the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the International Criminal Court and has the honour to refer to the forthcoming election of judges to the Court for 2027-2036 term, scheduled to be held in December 2026 in New York.

The Embassy has the honour to officially inform the International Criminal Court that H.E. William Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya, has nominated Hon. Lady Justice Njoki Ndungu, CBS, as Kenya's candidate for election as a Judge of the Court under List A.

Submitted attached herewith are copies of Lady Justice Ndungu's curriculum vitae and statement of qualifications for the Court's kind attention.

The supporting documents have also been translated into French, Spanish and Arabic.

Statement of qualifications

This statement is submitted in accordance with article 36 paragraph 4 (a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, and its amendments, on the procedure for the nomination of candidates for judges.

Judge Njoki Susanna Ndungu is the candidate of the Republic of Kenya for election of a Judge of the International Criminal Court. She is nominated for inclusion in List A, relating to candidates with the qualifications in criminal law and procedure, and the necessary relevant experience, whether as judge, prosecutor, advocate, or in other similar capacity, in criminal proceedings.

- (a) Specification in the necessary detail of how the candidate fulfils each of the requirements in article 36, paragraph 3 (a), (b) and (c), of the Statute, in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Statute

- i) *High moral character, impartiality and integrity (article 36, paragraph 3 (a))*

Judge Njoki S. Ndungu is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity. This has been demonstrated in more than three decades of her professional life. In recognition of this, she has received global awards from the United Nations and the International Commission of Jurists. She has also received National honours awarded by the Government of Kenya.

- ii) *Qualifications required in their respective States for appointment to the highest judicial offices (article 36, paragraph 3 (a))*

Judge Njoki S. Ndungu is a serving judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya, the highest judicial authority of the Republic of Kenya. She therefore possesses the qualifications required for the appointment to the highest judicial office in Kenya.

- iii) *Established competence in criminal law (article 36, paragraph 3 (b))*

As a Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya, the country's apex court with final appellate jurisdiction over criminal matters, Judge Njoki S. Ndungu has, for over fifteen years, participated in and authored landmark judicial opinions that have significantly shaped Kenya's criminal jurisprudence. Her decisions have addressed complex issues including fair trial rights, the admissibility and evaluation of evidence, legality and proportionality of sentences, the protection of constitutional rights of accused persons, and the meaningful participation of victims in criminal proceedings. Through her jurisprudence, Judge Njoki S. Ndungu has contributed to the development of a victim-centred and constitutionally grounded criminal justice framework in Kenya.

She also served as State Counsel in the Office of the Attorney General (then incorporating the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions), where she advised on and prosecuted serious criminal offences, including capital offences. In this role she appeared before Magistrates' Courts, the High Court of Kenya, and the Court of Appeal (then the apex court), thereby acquiring extensive practical experience in criminal litigation and prosecutorial practice.

Her expertise in criminal law is further distinguished by her internationally recognised leadership in the development and advancement of laws addressing sexual and gender-based violence. As a Member of Parliament, Judge Njoki S. Ndungu, sponsored and successfully steered the enactment of Kenya's Sexual Offences Act, a landmark piece of legislation that fundamentally transformed the country's legal framework for addressing sexual violence, strengthening evidentiary standards, protections for survivors, and accountability for perpetrators. Following the enactment of the law, she has played a leading role in promoting its implementation through extensive capacity-building and judicial education initiatives at the national, regional, and international levels. Judge Njoki S. Ndungu has trained judges, prosecutors, investigators, and justice sector actors on the interpretation and application of sexual offences law, including complex issues relating to evidentiary standards, admissibility of evidence, consent, survivor protection, and the prosecution of sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict settings. Through these engagements, she has contributed to strengthening the ability of justice systems to respond effectively to sexual and gender-based crimes.

Taken together, Judge Njoki S. Ndungu's judicial service at the highest court, her prosecutorial experience, her legislative leadership in criminal law reform, and her international work on sexual violence and accountability demonstrate her deep and established competence in criminal law, consistent with the requirements of article 36(3)(b) of the Rome Statute.

iv) *Language requirements (article 36, paragraph 3 (c))*

Judge Njoki S. Ndungu has an excellent command of the English language and basic proficiency of written and spoken French.

(b) *Indication of the nomination procedure under article 36(4)(a)(i) or (ii)*

Judge Njoki Ndungu was nominated pursuant to the procedure for nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Kenya. This procedure is set out under article 166 (1)(b) of the Constitution of Kenya. Pursuant to that provision, the President shall appoint judges, "in accordance with the recommendation of the judicial service commission."

The Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya, after receiving notification from the Attorney-General informed all judges of the upcoming election of judges to the International Criminal Court and invited applications for expressions of interest. A total of three candidates including Judge Njoki S. Ndungu expressed their interest and the Chief Justice forwarded their names to the Judicial Service Commission for determination of suitability. Upon consideration of the three candidates who had expressed interest, and having found them all suitable, the Judicial Service Commission recommended the names of the three candidates to the President of the Republic of Kenya. The President, in exercise of his powers under the Constitution, then nominated Judge Njoki S. Ndungu as Kenya's candidate for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court.

(c) *Indication of nationality under which the candidate is nominated (article 36, paragraph 7)*

Judge Njoki Ndungu is a Kenyan national and does not possess the nationality of any other State. She has been nominated by the Republic of Kenya.

(d) *Gender and Geographical Representation (article 36, paragraph 8 (a))*

Judge Njoki S. Ndungu is female, and she comes from the Africa Region.

(e) *Legal expertise on specific issues including but not limited to violence against women and children (article 36, paragraph 8 (b))*

Judge Njoki S. Ndungu is widely recognised for her extensive expertise in the legal and institutional responses to violence against women and children and other gender-based crimes, developed through more than three decades of work across the judiciary, legislative institutions, international organisations, and humanitarian bodies. Her career has been marked by sustained leadership in advancing legal frameworks, institutional reforms, and judicial approaches that strengthen accountability for sexual and gender-based violence, enhance the protection of victims and vulnerable populations, and promote survivor-centred justice. Through her contributions at the national, regional, and international levels, she has developed specialised competence in issues that lie at the heart of the mandate of the International Criminal Court, including crimes involving sexual violence recognised under articles 7 and 8 of the Rome Statute, as well as the protection of victims, witnesses, and displaced populations.

Over the course of more than three decades, Judge Njoki S. Ndungu has developed deep and internationally recognised expertise in addressing violence against women and children, gender-based crimes, and the protection of vulnerable populations through her work in civil society, national and regional legislatures, international organisations, humanitarian institutions, and the Judiciary of Kenya. Across these roles, she has consistently led legal and institutional reforms addressing violence against women and children while advancing the protection of refugees, displaced persons, and other vulnerable groups.

Her work has focused on strengthening legal and institutional responses to sexual and gender-based violence including crimes such as rape, sexual slavery, forced pregnancy, enforced prostitution, and other forms of sexual violence, which are recognised under articles 7 and 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court as crimes against humanity and war crimes. Judge Njoki S. Ndungu has developed expertise in procedural and evidentiary standards in sexual offences cases, survivor-centred approaches to justice, victim participation in criminal proceedings, and mechanisms for victim protection and reparations for survivors of gender-based crimes.

Her leadership in legislative reform addressing sexual violence is widely recognised. As a Member of Parliament in Kenya, she championed key legislative initiatives aimed at strengthening legal protections for women and children against sexual violence. In 2004, she moved the motion adopted by Parliament supporting the ratification of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children, reinforcing Kenya's commitment to regional accountability frameworks addressing sexual violence.

In 2006, Judge Njoki S. Ndungu sponsored and successfully steered through the Kenyan Parliament, the Sexual Offences Act, 2006, one of the most consequential legislative reforms in Kenya's criminal justice system. The Act established a comprehensive legal framework addressing sexual violence, strengthened evidentiary standards, expanded definitions of sexual offences, enhanced protections for survivors and vulnerable witnesses, and introduced stronger penalties for perpetrators. The legislation significantly strengthened access to justice for survivors of sexual violence and has informed legal reform and judicial training initiatives across Africa.

In addition, she introduced amendments to employment legislation aimed at strengthening protections for working families, including provisions introducing maternity and paternity leave benefits, further advancing gender equality and social protection for vulnerable groups.

Judge Njoki S. Ndungu's expertise in gender justice also has a strong regional dimension. While serving with the African Union's Conflict Management Centre, she played a leading role in processes relating to the development of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol). This landmark regional instrument established robust legal protections against gender-based violence, discrimination, and harmful practices affecting women across the African continent.

Her mandate within the African Union also involved analysing preventive mechanisms for addressing human rights violations in conflict and post-conflict situations and integrating rights-based approaches within peace processes across the continent. This work strengthened her expertise in addressing conflict-related sexual violence and promoting accountability for serious human rights violations occurring in conflict settings.

Judge Njoki S. Ndungu's expertise in the protection of vulnerable populations is further informed by her humanitarian work. As National Protection Officer with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), she worked on refugee protection law and refugee status determination while also leading initiatives addressing gender-based violence in refugee settings. Her work included training judicial officers, humanitarian personnel, and refugee communities on preventive measures and protective responses to sexual violence within refugee camps.

Her work with civil society organisations also addressed issues relating to abductions, trafficking, slavery, and the protection of child soldiers, including the development of human-rights-based programming for displaced populations and refugees. These engagements provided practical exposure to the intersection between humanitarian protection, armed conflict, and gender-based violence, areas that are directly relevant to the work of the International Criminal Court.

Judge Njoki S. Ndungu also played an important role in the broader accountability discourse following Kenya's 2007–2008 post-election violence, during which widespread atrocities, including sexual violence against women and children, were documented. In this context, she was a strong advocate for the development of institutional mechanisms capable of addressing international crimes. In particular, she supported the establishment of the International Crimes Division of the High Court of Kenya, envisioned as a specialised judicial mechanism to prosecute international crimes, including crimes against humanity and conflict-related sexual violence.

During this period, she also engaged in international advocacy to raise awareness of the atrocities committed during the violence, including delivering a congressional address in the United States highlighting the devastating impact of the violence on women and children and emphasising the importance of justice, accountability, and institutional reform.

Her judicial service has further consolidated this expertise. As a Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya, the country's apex court with final appellate jurisdiction over criminal matters, she has contributed to the development of indigenous jurisprudence relating to victim participation in criminal proceedings, interpretation of fair trial rights, evidentiary standards in criminal trials, and the legality of criminal convictions and sentences.

In this role, she regularly engages with complex factual records, applies advanced legal reasoning, and safeguards due process while maintaining the delicate balance between the rights of accused persons and the imperatives of survivor- and victim-centred justice, responsibilities that closely mirror the adjudicative functions of the International Criminal Court.

Judge Njoki S. Ndungu's expertise in sexual and gender-based violence has also been recognised internationally through her extensive work in capacity-building and advisory roles with United Nations agencies, including UN Women, UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF and IPPF, where she has trained justice sector actors and advised governments across multiple African countries on strengthening legal responses to gender-based violence and improving institutional frameworks for survivor protection and accountability.

Through her legislative leadership, humanitarian engagement, regional legal work, judicial service, and international advocacy, Judge Njoki S. Ndungu has earned global recognition as a leading expert on violence against women and children and the protection of vulnerable populations. Her experience demonstrates strong competence on issues that lie at the core of the mandate of the International Criminal Court under article 36(8)(b) of the Rome Statute, particularly in relation to sexual and gender-based crimes, victim protection, reparations, and accountability for serious violations of international law.

Judge Njoki S. Ndungu has also provided important institutional leadership within the Judiciary of Kenya in areas closely linked to constitutional governance and public confidence in the justice system. As Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee on Elections (JCE), she has overseen the development of specialised training curricula and capacity-building programmes to prepare judges to hear and determine election petitions. Through this work, she has contributed to strengthening the Judiciary's institutional preparedness to adjudicate electoral disputes in a manner that safeguards constitutional order, enhances public confidence in electoral justice, and promotes peace and stability during electoral cycles.

She also serves as Chairperson of the Judiciary Employee Protection and Inclusivity Committee (EPIC), the first committee of its kind within the Judiciary mandated to oversee the implementation of policies protecting judicial officers and staff from sexual harassment while promoting dignity, equality, and inclusivity within the institution. Through this role, she has contributed to strengthening internal accountability frameworks and fostering a safe and respectful working environment within the justice sector.

Overall, Judge Njoki S. Ndungu's extensive experience in criminal law, legislative reform, gender justice, humanitarian protection, and judicial leadership demonstrates a profound commitment to accountability, the protection of vulnerable populations, and the advancement of victim-centred justice. Her work across national, regional, and international institutions reflects deep engagement with the legal and institutional challenges associated with prosecuting serious crimes, including sexual and gender-based violence and other violations

recognised under international criminal law. These experiences collectively demonstrate strong competence in areas that lie at the core of the mandate of the International Criminal Court, particularly in relation to the prosecution and adjudication of crimes affecting women, children, and other vulnerable groups.

- (f) The commitment of the candidate to be available to take up full-time service when the Court's workload so requires

Judge Njoki S. Ndungu is committed to take up full-time service when the Court's workload so requires.

Curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	NDUNGU	
FIRST NAME:	Njoki	
MIDDLE NAME:	Susanna	
GENDER:	Female	
DATE OF BIRTH:	20 September 1965	
NATIONALITY:	Kenyan	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Africa	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)		
MARITAL STATUS:	Single	
LIST A/LIST B	List A	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: Kiswahili, Kikuyu	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Basic	(oral) Basic
- OTHERS	: (written) Please select >>	(oral) Please select >>
	: (written) Please select >>	(oral) Please select >>
	: (written) Please select >>	(oral) Please select >>
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the "+" sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i>		
2024 - <i>Institution:</i> Chartered Institute of Arbitrators United Kingdom - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Fellow of CIArb		
1994 - <i>Institution:</i> World University Services, Austria - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Diploma in Women's Human Rights		
1993 - <i>Institution:</i> University of Leicester, United Kingdom		

-	<i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Master of Laws (LL.M) in Human Rights and Civil Liberties Thesis on Human Rights in Colonial Kenya: Cultural Specificity & Relativity in International Human Rights Standards
1989		
-	<i>Institution:</i>	Kenya School of Law, Nairobi Kenya
-	<i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Post-Graduate Diploma in Legal Education
1988		
-	<i>Institution:</i>	University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya
-	<i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Bachelor of Laws Dissertation on Abuse of Police Powers: Arrest, Interrogation and Detention of Suspects
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent) - Please click the "+" sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries - Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate		
2011- to date		
-	<i>Employer:</i>	Judiciary of Kenya
-	<i>Post title:</i>	Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya
-	<i>Other information:</i>	<i>Member of the Judiciary Leadership Team;</i> <i>Chair, the Judiciary Employee Protection and Integrity Committee (EPIC)-oversight on implementation of Sexual harassment policy and Gender diversity and inclusion policies;</i> <i>Chair, Judiciary Committee on Elections – oversight on preparedness for election-related disputes;</i> <i>Chair, Supreme Court Rules Committee;</i> <i>Supreme Court Focal Point for Alternative Justice System (AJS) and Court Annexed Mediation</i>
The Supreme Court of Kenya is the Apex Court in Kenya and one of the Africa's leading courts in development of indigenous jurisprudence. As a Judge in the Court, which has the final appellate jurisdiction over all cases including criminal matters, I have had the chance to engage in precedent setting interpretation of fair trial rights, evidentiary standards and requirements, and determining legality of criminal convictions. Just like the ICC the position has demanded a mastery of complex factual records, advanced legal reasoning, protection of due process, and maintaining the delicate balance of rights of accused persons with survivor/victim-centred justice. The high-level leadership positions within the Supreme Court and the Judiciary generally have provided an opportunity to contribute to judicial ethics, institutional accountability, protection of judicial independence, management of complex procedural issues and adjudicative frameworks, victim-centred justice, and access to justice principles. These experiences are directly relevant to the criminal and appellate processes of the International Criminal Court.		
2009- 2010		
-	<i>Employer:</i>	Government of Kenya
-	<i>Post title:</i>	Expert, National Committee of Experts on Constitution Review in Kenya
-	<i>Other information:</i>	The Committee of Experts was one of the mechanisms established under Agenda 4, a peace process that established a government of national unity in

Kenya through the mediation and supervised coalition agreement under Koffi Annan, after the Post-Election Violence in Kenya in 2008. Its mandate was to redesign the constitutional framework of the country that ensures democratic institutional reforms that prevent future conflicts. This mandate was critical to ensuring that Kenya averts the commission of international crimes spelt out under the Rome Statute. The work culminated in the promulgation of the 2010 Constitution which under article 2(6) makes treaties, ratified by Kenya including Rome Statute, part of Kenyan law. As an Expert, I contributed to ensuring that Kenya's law engenders accountability for international crimes including crimes against humanity, genocide and war crimes. Ultimately, in line with article 2(6) the International Crimes Act was enacted by the Kenyan Parliament.

2004- 2007

- *Employer:* African Union (AU)
- *Post title:* Member of Parliament for the Pan African (PAP)
- *Other information:*

As member of PAP, which is the AU's legislative body with oversight and consultative powers, I served in the Justice and Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Gender, Family, Youths and People with Disabilities. In this capacity I played a leading role in deliberations on reparations and management of conflict and its impact on displaced populations on the African continent, including the protection of victims of conflict-related violence, areas which are central to the ICC mandate under the Rome Statute.

2003- 2007

- *Employer:* Parliament of Kenya
- *Post title:* Member of Parliament
- *Other information:*

As a member of Parliament, I was the mover of the motion adopted to ratify the International Conference on Great Lakes Region Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children 2004. I was a mover of the Key human rights amendments to the Refugee Act 2004, and I was the architect and mover of the Sexual Offences Act 2006. This cemented the protection of gender-based violence victims and displaced persons in Kenya. Importantly, the process of working on these pieces of legislation strengthened my appreciation of evidentiary, procedural, and victim-centred approaches which are material in determination of matters related to violence against women, victim protection, and accountability for gender-based crimes. This is directly relevant to ICC's mandate and relates to the expertise underscored under article 36(8)(b) of the Rome Statute.

2000- 2002

- *Employer:* African Union (Organisation of African Unity)
- *Post title:* Political Analyst (Human Rights & Governance), Conflict Management Centre
- *Other information:*

I was the lead and focal point for the drafting of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol) and also for the drafting of the OAU/AU Convention Against Corruption. This mandate also entailed the assessment of preventive measures that are applicable for the protection of human rights in conflicts within the African Continent and the inclusion of rights-based approach in peace processes. This strengthened and enhanced my expertise in addressing gender-based violence, victim protection, and accountability for serious human rights violations in conflict situations. This position entailed the

	development of project priorities and strategies for the engagement of the African Union with civil society based organizations on rights-based approach to programming.
1997- 2000	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Sub-Regional Consultant for East Africa
- <i>Other information:</i>	This position entailed research, writing, and training on women rights in Africa. It also focused on advocacy and legal reform lobbying governments to ensure the protection of women's rights. In this capacity I supported the development of human rights approach in form of a manual and program for Operation Lifeline Sudan under UNICEF ESARO in relation to abductions, slavery, and child soldiers. I also conducted human rights training for refugees in camps for the UNHCR Kenya Office and advocacy on Women Sexual and Reproductive Rights for the Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA). This work experience in addressing gender-based violence, child soldiers, abductions, and slavery aligns with the work and undertakings of the ICC.
1995	
- <i>Employer:</i>	UNHCR Branch Office Kenya
- <i>Post title:</i>	National Protection Officer
- <i>Other information:</i>	In this position, I undertook engagements related to protection law and status determination of refugees. I was also the lead for gender related protection concerns and supervised the outcome of the 'Women as victims of violence' project including the sensitization of judicial officers, refugee camps staff and residents on new approaches towards reducing the incidents of sexual violence. This was an important contribution to Kenya's capacity in protection matters as a key refugee-hosting state, [then estimated at over 500,000 refugees and displaced persons from Southern Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Rwanda, Burundi and DRC]. Also, sensitizations were essential to strengthening of protection mechanisms within refugee camps and enhancement of gender-based violence and victims support. The engagements in refugee protection law, status determination, and training of judicial officers and camp staff on prevention of sexual violence demonstrates my expertise in victim protection and gender justice; areas that are particularly relevant under article 36(8)(b) of the Rome Statute.
1989 - 1993	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Government of Kenya
- <i>Post title:</i>	State Counsel Office of the Attorney General (Director of Public Prosecutions Office)
- <i>Other information:</i>	As state counsel and criminal prosecutor, I undertook criminal litigation, including drafting of criminal charges, presentation of evidence in court, and the examination of witnesses. This work also included analyzing police files to determine sufficiency of evidence and guiding police and other related agencies on how to conduct criminal investigations. My caseload included prosecution of serious criminal offences, including capital cases, such as murder and robbery with violence and I represented the State in criminal and civil litigation from initiation up to appeal level. In this position I appeared before Magistrates' Courts, the High Court of Kenya, and the Court of Appeal of Kenya, which at the time was served as the apex court. This position offered me an opportunity to establish expert competence in criminal law and procedure. Further, I have substantial practical experience in

criminal proceedings, rights of accused persons, evidentiary analysis, witness examination, adherence to due process, and appellate advocacy which is material under 36(3)(b)(i) of the Rome Statute.
OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: - Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries
2009 – to date <i>Activity:</i> Lead Consultant, Leadership Development Consortium. This is an international and regional consultancy providing advocacy, training and capacity building in Constitutional Law, Governance and Human Rights, and Gender related programs. This entailed working closely with various African Parliaments,[up to 2011], to enhance their capacity for legislative and policy initiatives by members of Parliaments on issues related to women’s rights. More recently this leadership work oversights implementation of the Big Sister’s programme addressing over 400,000 adolescent girls on awareness and prevention of Sexual and Gender based violence. 2008 – to date <i>Activity:</i> Expert on Sexual and gender-based violence for United Nations (UN Women, UNFPA, UNDP, IPPF, UNICEF). In this capacity I have provided advisory and supported on addressing sexual and gender-based violence across different African countries including Liberia, South Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo (Goma region), and Burundi. This has been relevant and important to finding effective ways of tackling gender-based violence in these countries. 2007 – to date <i>Activity:</i> Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Nairobi Women Hospital Gender Violence Recovery Centre (GVRC).The GVRC is a charitable trust of the Nairobi Women Hospital [which has branch 8 hospital branches] which provides free medical treatment for survivors of gender based violence that include emotional, physical, sexual and psychological abuse. It also provides training for medical nurses who deal with cases of sexual violence and offers training in preventive measures for communities and corporates. It works closely with communities in the prevention and management of sexual violence during turbulent and violent election cycles.
MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS
- Njoki Ndungu, <i>The Supreme Court of Kenya’s Evolving Jurisprudence on Criminal Law</i>, Supreme Court Judges Lecture Circuit, Moi University July 2025 - Njoki Ndungu, <i>A critique of the Judicial Approach on Sexual offences and the Age of Consent</i>, p118, Supreme Court of Kenya, Judges Paper Series, Volume 1, 2025 - Njoki Ndungu, <i>Judicial Protection of Human Dignity, Insights from Kenyan Jurisprudence</i> p130 Judges Paper Series, Volume1, 2025 - Njoki Ndungu, <i>Human Dignity: A Jurisprudential Perspective of Kenyan Courts</i>, Conference of African Constitutional Jurisdictions CJCA - Nduku Kilonzo, Njoki Ndungu, Nerida Nthamburi, Caroline Ajema, Miriam Taegtmeier, Sally Theobald, and Rachel Tolhurst, <i>Sexual Violence Legislation in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Need for Strengthened Medico-Linkages</i> (2009) 17 Journal of Reproductive Health Matters. - Onyango-Ouma, Washington, Njoki Ndungu, Nancy Baraza, and Harriet Birungi, ‘<i>The making of the Kenya Sexual Offences Act, 2006: Behind the scenes</i>’ (2009) Nairobi: Kwani Trust. - Njoki S Ndungu, <i>Kenya: The December 2007 Election Crises</i> (2008) 19(4) Mediterranean Quarterly p111-121. - Njoki Ndungu, <i>The Role of Security Forces in Prevention and Combating Sexual Violence in Africa</i> (2008) United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), Goma, DRC - Njoki Ndungu, <i>A Critique of Laws Relating to Trafficking of Women and Girls in Kenya</i> (1997) The Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW). - Njoki Ndungu, <i>The Kenya Women Political Caucus: Evaluating Gender Politics in Legal and Constitutional Reform</i> (2000) Executive Magazine - Njoki Ndungu, <i>AIDS and Cleansing Traditions and Sexual Abuse of Female Minors in Kenya</i> (1999) UNICEF Innocenti Digest

- Njoki Ndungu, *Gender Violence and Women's Rights in Africa* (1999) Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF) Newsletter
- Njoki Ndungu, *The Promotion and Protection of Sexual and Reproductive Rights Within the African Context: A Commentary* (1998) International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
- Njoki Ndungu, *Conflict Resolution and Development in Kenya* (1995) Oxfam, Kenya
- Njoki Ndungu, *The Criminal Justice System, Human Rights and Mentally Incapacitated Offenders* (1995) International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) Nairobi, Kenya
- Njoki Ndungu, *Parliament and the Electoral Commission: A critique* (1995) United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- Njoki Ndungu, *Access to Justice for Kenyan Minorities* (1994) International Bar Association (IBA), Nairobi, Kenya

Other Relevant Contributions/Publications

- Sexual Offences Act: A Training Manual for Judges
- The Sexual Offences Act: Curriculum for Police
- The Sexual Offences Act: A Training Manual for Prosecutors
- UN Habitat Handbook for Parliamentarians on Human Settlements and the Law

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

2025 - Global Constitutional Seminar for Judges, Yale Law School.

2025 - Expert roundtable on specialized response to Sexual and Gender based Violence. Equality Now.

2018 – Presentation on *Implicit Bias and its effect on court systems* - Gender and Judiciary in Africa Conference. Arusha, Tanzania.

2009 – Joint Dialogue of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Crime prevention and Criminal Justice Addressing violence against women through legal reform.

2008 – Presentation *Human Rights approaches, international instruments and Sexual Violence legislation*, LVCT Conference, Nairobi, Kenya.

2007 - UN Commission on Women (CSW), Vienna, Austria, Presentation on '*Legislating Against Sexual and Domestic Violence: Challenges of Culture and Creed.*'

2001 - CACS Conference - Presentation on '*Universality or Africanity: Which Way Forward For The Proposed OAU Draft Protocol on Women's Rights to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights*

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

- International Bar Association
- Kenya Magistrates and Judges Association (KMJA)
- Association of Women Lawyers in Africa
- International Communication of Jurists (ICJ)
- Law Society of Kenya

- Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)

- Kenya Refugee Consortium

- Amnesty International

AWARDS AND HONOURS

2016 – Honoree of the Harvard Women Law Association under the Women Inspiring Change category for my extensive contributions to law reform and human rights, especially concerning women and children.

2011 – Presidential Commendation of the Rank of Chief of the Burning Spear (CBS), the highest national honor conferred on appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court

2007 – Shortlisted for nomination for the US Secretary of State Award for International Women of Courage

2006 - UN Person of the Year in Kenya Award, in recognition for being the architect of the Sexual Offences Act 2006.

2006 – International Commission of Jurists – Jurist of the Year Award, in recognition of my outstanding contributions to the rule of law, human rights, and democracy in Kenya, particularly in regard to legal reforms.

2006 – Presidential Commendation of the Rank of the Elder of the Burning Spear (EBS) for championing human rights in Kenya, especially women’s rights and legislating against violence against women.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

10. OLARTE BÁCARES, Diana Carolina (Republic of Colombia)

[Original: Spanish]

Note verbale

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to transmit, in accordance with the provisions of article 36 of the Rome Statute and resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6 and with reference to the Secretariat's note ICC-ASP/25/SP/01/Corr.2, that the government of the Republic of Colombia has decided to submit the candidacy of jurist Diana Carolina Olarte Bácares for the position of Judge of the International Criminal Court, in the elections to be held during the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties, scheduled to take place from 7 to 17 December 2026.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia wishes to draw the attention of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to the fact that Ms. Diana Carolina Olarte Bácares is a person of high moral standing, widely recognized for her impartiality and integrity, and meets the qualifications required for the appointment to the highest judicial functions in Colombia, in accordance with the provisions of article 36, paragraphs 3(a) and 4(a)(ii) of the Rome Statute.

The candidate has also demonstrated recognized competence in relevant areas of international law closely related to the judicial work of the Court, including international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, and transitional justice, as well as extensive academic experience and professional legal practice in functions related to the judicial work of the Court, in accordance with article 36, paragraph 3(b)(ii) of the Statute.

In particular, the Colombian State highlights her performance as co-agent and representative before the International Court of Justice, as an expert before human rights courts, and as a professor and researcher in international law. Currently, the nominee serves as Ambassador of Colombia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Permanent Representative of Colombia to international organizations and tribunals based in The Hague.

Ms. Olarte Bácares's mother tongue is Spanish. She also has an excellent command of spoken and written French and English, the working languages of the Court. In addition, she has an advanced level of Italian.

The Colombian candidate is nominated for inclusion in List B, in accordance with the provision of article 36, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute. This nomination also contributes to maintaining a balance in the representation of the principal legal systems of the world, as she originates from the civil law system, as well as to equitable geographical representation, as she is a national of a State from the Latin American and Caribbean Group, in accordance with article 36, paragraph 8(a), subparagraphs (i) and (ii), of the Rome Statute. Similarly, the nomination of Dr. Olarte Bácares contributes to a fair representation of female and male judges, in accordance with article 36, paragraph 8(a)(iii), of the Statute.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia wishes to highlight Dr. Olarte Bácares' suitability for election as a Judge of the Court, as she has distinguished herself throughout her professional career for, among other aspects, her work on gender issues and violence against women, which makes her a particularly suitable candidate to complement the specialized composition and judicial work of the International Criminal Court, in accordance with the provision of article 36, paragraph 8(b), of the Statute.

The candidate is a Colombian national by birth and Italian national by adoption. For the present nomination, and in accordance with the provisions of article 36, paragraph 7, of the Statute, the candidacy is submitted in her capacity as a national of the Republic of Colombia.

The nomination of Dr. Olarte Bácares is submitted in accordance with the national procedure established by the Republic of Colombia for the nomination of judges to the International Criminal Court, consisting of an exhaustive selection process carried out by the Colombian National Group before the Permanent Court of Arbitration, in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4(a)(ii), of the Rome Statute.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia is pleased to enclose a detailed statement of the candidate's qualifications and corresponding curriculum vitae, in accordance with the model recommended by the Assembly.

Similarly, it is indicated that the candidate has expressly committed to being available to take up full-time service, should the workload of the Court's so require.

Statement of qualifications

The Government of the Republic of Colombia has the honor of submitting the Statement of qualifications pertaining to Dr. Diana Carolina Olarte Bácares, in the context of her nomination as a candidate for the post of Judge of the International Criminal Court during the elections programmed for the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of the States Parties, to be held on 7-17 December 2026.

This Statement is submitted in compliance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, and its amendments, on the procedure for the nomination of candidates for judges; and note ICC-ASP/25/SP/01/Corr.2, dated 16 December 2025, and its annex I.

(a) Specification in the necessary detail of how the candidate fulfils each of the requirements in article 36, paragraph 3 (a), (b) and (c), of the Statute, in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Statute

1. High moral character, impartiality and integrity (article 36, paragraph 3 (a))

During the course of her 25 years of professional experience, Dr. Olarte Bácares has held positions requiring high moral character, impartiality and integrity, among them those of Ambassador of Colombia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands; Member of the National Group before the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA); Dean of the School of Legal Sciences of the *Pontificia Universidad Javeriana* (Pontifical Javierian University); and Member of the Court of Arbitration of the *Centro de Arbitraje y Conciliación de la Cámara de Comercio de Bogotá* (Arbitration and Conciliation Center of the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce).

By virtue of her known commitment to ethics and transparency, Dr. Olarte Bácares has participated in the drafting and application of standards and guidelines on the handling of conflicts of interest. She has also set up and participated in disciplinary bodies charged with the compliance of standards and codes of ethics. For example, in her capacity of Dean of the School of Legal Sciences, she was a member of the Committee in charge of drafting and adopting the Manual on the handling of conflicts of interest of the *Universidad Javeriana*. Also, while holding that position, she created the School of Legal Sciences' Disciplinary Commission, where she led the processes corresponding to alleged breaches of discipline incurred by teaching staff, students, and administrative staff. Likewise, during her membership of the Court of Arbitration she was in charge of the disciplinary processes of arbitrators, mediators, conciliators and amiable compositeurs.

In addition to the above, Dr. Olarte worked as an impartial and expert evaluator for the *Consejo Nacional de Acreditación* (National Accreditation Council) of the Ministry of National Education of Colombia. During the performance of her work, she had to act independently from academic institutions, take objective decisions based on facts, and act with honesty, prudence and responsibility; these aspects of her performance were explicitly underscored by the institutions she evaluated. She is also a member of the Permanent Committee of the *Escuela Javeriana de Gobierno y Ética Pública* (Javierian School of Government and Public Ethics), where her participation focuses on the development and fostering of public ethics, as well as their permanent debate, both at the national and at the international level.

Finally, in addition to the experience gained by her, Dr. Olarte has always been perceived by her peers as a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity, as concluded by the national members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration during the selection and nomination process.

2. Qualifications required in their respective States for appointment to the highest judicial offices (article 36, paragraph 3 (a))

The candidate is in full possession of all the qualifications required for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Colombia, pursuant to the stipulations of article 232 of Colombia's Political Constitution. Said article stipulates

that the incumbent must be Colombian by birth, must be a member of the legal profession, must not have been sentenced to prison and must have 15 years of highly-regarded experience as a legal professional.

Dr. Olarte Bácares is Colombian by birth and a lawyer by profession; she has not been sentenced to imprisonment, and she has performed her duties as a lawyer successfully over the course of 25 years, as is evidenced by her ample *curriculum vitae*, and thus fulfils the conditions required for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Colombia.

3. Established competence in relevant areas of international law (article 36, paragraph 3 (b) (ii))

Dr. Olarte Bácares, with her 25 years of academic and professional experience in international law, is an acknowledged expert in human rights issues, international humanitarian law, and peace building, as well as an international lawyer and a diplomat, with a proven record in international judiciary proceedings and in the negotiation of international instruments.

As for her academic experience, Dr. Olarte Bácares has a Law degree from the Pontifical Javierian University, as well as a Doctorate in Law from the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, and a Master's Degree in International Law from the Robert Schuman University in Strassburg. She has also undertaken specialized studies and obtained diplomas in the areas of human rights and international humanitarian law from prestigious international academic institutions, such as The Hague Academy of International Law, the American University Washington College of Law, the European University Institute in Florence, the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization in Venice, and the *Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos* (Inter-American Institute of Human Rights), in Costa Rica.

In the academic area, Dr. Olarte Bácares served as full professor and Department Head in the Department of Philosophy and History of Law of the School of Legal Sciences of the Pontifical Javierian University, where she taught international law, the inter-American system of human rights, the European system of human rights, international humanitarian law, international economic law, and international settlement of investments. She also served as Director of the University's Center of International Law Studies.

Dr. Olarte has taught multiple courses as visiting lecturer in the areas of international law, human rights, international humanitarian law and peace, in several national universities, among them the *Universidad del Rosario* (University of Rosario), the *Universidad de La Sabana* (La Sabana University) and the *Universidad Sergio Arboleda*, (Sergio Arboleda University), as well as, internationally, in the *Sciences Po Paris* (Paris Institute of Political Studies), the University of Bayreuth (Germany), the *Centro Universitario de Brasília* (University Center of Brasília, Brazil), and the University of British Columbia (Canada).

In addition to her extensive academic career, the candidate has experience in the training area, having taught different specialized courses in human rights, international humanitarian law and international criminal law to commissioned and non-commissioned officers, operational legal advisers and career soldiers of the National Navy, the Air Force, the National Army and the National Police. Dr. Olarte Bácares also conducted training of judges in Colombia, teaching the initial training course in human rights and international humanitarian law for magistrates and judges in the *Escuela Judicial Rodrigo Lara Bonilla* (Rodrigo Lara Bonilla Law School), in Colombia.

Furthermore, she has consulted in the areas of restorative justice and memory, as well as in human rights and international humanitarian law; in this context, she led a study for the reconstruction of the historical memory of the operative area of the Campo Rubiales petroleum field (Meta, Colombia), in order to design frameworks for the peaceful resolution of disputes identified in the context of transitional justice and of the restoration processes of the ethnic communities that were inhabitants of that territory. She also served as an expert in the *U'WA Indigenous People vs. Colombia* case before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, where she analyzed the right to development and to the guarantee of economic, social and cultural rights with respect to exploration and exploitation projects of the mining sector.

It should be stressed that Dr. Olarte Bácares is a founding member of the *Academia Colombiana de Derecho Internacional* (ACCOLDI, Colombian Academy of International Law) and editor of several legal publications in the area of international law, human rights, and international humanitarian law, such as the *Anuario Iberoamericano de Derecho Internacional Humanitario* and the Brazilian Journal of International Law. She has also published in areas related to human rights and international humanitarian law; for example, "Access to remedy and the construction of collective memory. New perspectives under the realm of the Colombian transitional justice

project” and “*El derecho a la propiedad*” (The Right to Property), in the Comments to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The candidate has participated as panel member in numerous round tables and conferences related with the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes, the contributions of transitional justice to international criminal law, and positive complementarity in the International Criminal Court, among others.

At present, Dr. Olarte Bácares is the Ambassador of Colombia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands; before taking on her ambassadorial duties, she had attained ample experience in international judicial proceedings, consolidated during the performance of her diplomatic and representative duties before international legal bodies with their headquarters in The Hague. The candidate has accumulated vast experience as independent expert, legal adviser and co-agent in processes within several international courts, such as the International Court of Justice, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the International Criminal Court.

Likewise, in her capacity as Ambassador she has represented Colombia before the International Criminal Court and has participated actively, as of 2022, in the four sessions of the Assembly of the States Parties that have been held since that time, during which she has also organized and participated in several parallel events. Her participation in the different groups and facilitations of the Hague Working Group, as well as in multiple academic and relationship events of the ICC, strengthen her commitment and experience with regard to the work of the Court.

Finally, Dr. Olarte Bácares has participated in the negotiation and adoption of several international instruments, among them the 2025 Host Country Agreement between the Permanent Court of Arbitration and Colombia, the extradition treaty between Colombia and the Netherlands, the Agreement between Colombia and the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC within the framework of the 2024 Policy on Complementarity and Cooperation of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, and the 2023 Joint Work Plan between the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Colombia and the Office of the Prosecutor.

On the basis of all the above, the profile of Dr. Olarte Bácares reflects an established competence in relevant areas of international law, as well as proven management, leadership and negotiation skills, which she has applied in the diverse duties performed and positions held by her in different and multicultural environments.

4. Excellent knowledge of the working languages of the Court (article 36, paragraph 3 (c))

Pursuant to article 50(2) of the Rome Statute, the working languages of the Court are English and French. Dr. Olarte Bácares has a full and specialized knowledge of French, as well as an advanced knowledge of English. She has published in both languages, including her Master’s and Doctoral theses, in French. Also, in her ambassadorial capacity Dr. Olarte Bácares carries out her ordinary responsibilities in both languages.

(b) It shall be indicated whether the candidate is being nominated for inclusion in list A or in list B for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 5, of the Statute

The Government of the Republic of Colombia nominates Dr. Olarte Bácares for inclusion in list B, pursuant to the stipulations of article 36, paragraph 5, of the Statute.

(c) Information relating to article 36, paragraph 8 (a) (i) to (iii), shall be provided

This nomination would contribute to maintaining the balance between the principal legal systems of the world, insofar as it represents the system of civil law, as well as equitable geographical representation, insofar as it pertains to one of the States of Latin America and the Caribbean. Furthermore, the nomination of Dr. Olarte Bácares contributes to a fair representation of female and male judges, in accordance with article 36, paragraph 8 (a), of the Statute.

(d) It shall be indicated whether the candidate has any expertise under article 36, paragraph 8 (b), of the Statute

1. Experience in issues related with gender-based violence.

Dr. Olarte Bácares has a solid and proven background as a jurist with knowledge and experience in the area of gender-based violence. Over the course of her working life, she has participated in different interdisciplinary groups for the prevention, support and follow-up of cases of gender-based violence and discrimination. For

example, the candidate participated in the drafting commission of the Pontifical Javierian University's Protocol for the prevention, support and follow-up of cases of violence and discrimination. These experiences allowed her to develop a specialized understanding and sensitivity with regard to gender-based violence, in their different manifestations and contexts, and also to identify their common structural character. Additionally, these experiences have strengthened her capacity to analyze each specific situation from the viewpoint of due-diligence standards, and to adopt approaches that are suited to the specificities of each case.

In her diplomatic activities, Dr. Olarte Bácares has consolidated this experience through active participation in multilateral and bilateral scenarios linked to international criminal justice, related to the prevention of sexual violence in armed conflicts and to the protection of populations in situations of special vulnerability. As of the implementation of Colombia's feminist foreign policy, she has both led and participated in conferences, round tables, and international campaigns intended to add visibility and raise awareness of violence against women and girls, and to fight it. Specifically, she has referred to feminicide as the expression of structural violence against women, and to the related role of States in the response to this phenomenon, in accordance with international standards on the matter. Throughout her professional life, Dr. Olarte Bácares has incorporated into her work cross-cutting approaches that recognize the distinct concerns that apply to particularly vulnerable populations, such as indigenous women, communities of African descent and LGBTIQ+ persons.

Furthermore, the candidate has integrated into her work an approach that acknowledges the differentiated impact of climate change on women and girls. In this regard, during her statement to the International Court of Justice on the obligations faced by States in the area of climate change, Dr. Olarte Bácares pointed out that the adverse effects of climate change do not follow a neutral pattern. On the contrary, they interact with patterns of structural discrimination that increase the disproportionate vulnerability of women and girls to climate change. In this context, on the basis of international evidence and of the Colombian case, Dr. Olarte Bácares has proven her capacity to approach complex phenomena from an integral human-rights perspective, incorporating criteria such as due diligence, climatic justice, and gender equality.

In particular, the candidate has analyzed in depth the fundamental role of women as leading agents in peace processes, acknowledging their contribution as leaders, builders of social tissue, and agents of institutional transformation. In this framework, she has divulged on an international level the Colombian experience in the area of restorative justice, especially in peace processes, which incorporates a gender perspective that is globally acknowledged.

Consistent with this trajectory is her participation as speaker and lecturer in several academic spaces, among them the following: *"Building a Feminist Foreign Policy in Colombia: challenges and opportunities"*, in the Symposium & Workshop *Experience and Voice: Library of Colombian Women Writers*, organized by Leiden University (May 2024); *"The Next Step: Shaping the Future of Inclusion: Advancing Gender Equity and Inclusion in a Shifting Political Climate"*, as keynote speaker in the Rise & Lead Summit & Awards 2025 (The Hague, September 2025); *"Lessons learned from women activists in Colombia's peacebuilding process"*, in the Women & Peace Conference: *In the footsteps of Bertha von Suttner*, organized by the Alliance Française (The Hague, December 2025); and *"Rethinking State Action: Colombia's Feminist Foreign Policy, structural violence, and new masculinities"*, in the framework of the launching of the book *Taking Lives: Narratives of Latin American Femicide Perpetrators*, at Leiden University (October 2025).

2. Human Rights and Businesses

In addition to her experience with gender violence-related issues, the candidate is a renowned expert in the area of businesses and human rights. Indeed, further to her ample academic production on the matter, her teaching and consulting activities reflect particular expertise in the individual responsibility of corporate actors. This dimension would be an adequate complement to the International Criminal Court's activity and perspectives, for example, as regards the consideration of alleged crimes related to environmental damages or cybercrimes contemplated in the Rome Statute that involve corporate actors. The expert knowledge that Dr. Olarte Bácares can contribute with regard to these issues is crucial, and would contribute significantly to the work of the Court.

(e) Where a candidate is a national of two or more States, indicate under which nationality the candidate is being nominated for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 7, of the Statute

The candidate is a national of two States, Colombia and Italy. For the purposes of this nomination and of article 36, paragraph 7, of the Statute, the candidate is being nominated under her Colombian nationality.

(f) Indicate whether the nomination is made under article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (i) or paragraph 4 (a) (ii), and specify in the necessary detail the elements of the procedure leading to the nomination

The Republic of Colombia submits the nomination of Dr. Olarte Bácares in strict compliance of the national procedure established for the nomination of judges to the International Criminal Court. This procedure is carried out pursuant to article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (ii), of the Rome Statute, by means of a thorough selection process carried out by the National Group of Colombia to the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

The National Group, chaired by Guillermo Fernández de Soto (former Minister of Foreign Affairs, permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations, Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Secretary-General of the Andean Community and Director for Europe of the Latin American Development Bank - ADF), received several nominations throughout 2025, which it analyzed in detail, concluding that, on the basis of her training, experience and outstanding professional record, Dr. Olarte Bácares's profile fulfilled all the requirements of the post. For the sake of transparency and impartiality, the candidate did not participate in any phase of the evaluation and nomination process.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs was advised of the procedure and of the nomination by means of a reasoned written communication, which it reviewed, certifying that the candidate fulfilled each of the requisites established in article 36, paragraph 3 (a), (b) (ii) and (c) of the Statute. Consequently, the nomination was formally approved and submitted by the National Government, pursuant to the stipulations of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6.

(g) Acknowledgement of information provided under sub-paragraph (a) by a senior member of the national-level judiciary or the authority of the Nominating State overseeing the nominations process

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in its capacity as the State authority of Colombia responsible for overseeing the nomination process for the election of judges of the International Criminal Court, confirms that Dr. Olarte Bácares fulfils each of the requirements in article 36, paragraph 3 (a), (b) and (c), of the Rome Statute.

(h) Indicate the commitment of the candidate to be available to take up full-time service when the Court's workload so requires

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs indicates the commitment of the candidate to take up full-time service when the Court's workload so requires.

Curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAMES:	Olarte Bácares	
FIRST NAME:	Diana	
MIDDLE NAME:	Carolina	
GENDER:	Female	
DATE OF BIRTH:	28/09/1977	
NATIONALITY:	Colombian	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Latin America and the Caribbean	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)	Italian	
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List B	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: Spanish	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- OTHERS	Italian: (written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced

-	Portuguese: (written) Basic	(oral) Basic
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with the most recent)</i> - <i>Please copy/paste if more entries are required</i>		
University Education 09/2008 – 07/2015 - <i>Institution:</i> Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France. - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Doctor of International Law. Thesis graded with the highest qualification, Summa Cum Laude. 09/2002 - 06/2003 - <i>Institution:</i> Université de Strasbourg III Robert Schuman, Strasbourg, France. - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Master of Research in International Law. 07/1996 - 08/2002 - <i>Institution:</i> Pontifical Javierian University, School of Legal Sciences, Bogotá, Colombia. - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Lawyer, admitted to practice by the Higher Council of the Judiciary. Specialized training diplomas 09/2023 - <i>Institution:</i> Clingendael Netherlands Institute of International Relations, The Hague, the Netherlands. - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Seminar in international negotiation skills. 04/2019 - 10/2019 - <i>Institution:</i> Interamerican Institute of Human Rights and GIZ (<i>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit</i>) German Cooperation, San Jose, Costa Rica. - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Trainer, Themis methodology, legal argumentation and conventionality control. 07/2012 - <i>Institution:</i> European Inter University Center for Human Rights and Democratisation, Venice, Italy. - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Diploma, summer studies, Venice Academy of Human Rights. 06/2011 - 07/2011 - <i>Institution:</i> European University Institute, Academy of European Law, Florence, Italy. - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Diploma, general and specialized course on human rights law. 05/2010 - 06/2010 - <i>Institution:</i> American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, U.S.A. - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Advanced studies, course in human rights and international humanitarian law. 07/2009 - 08/2009 - <i>Institution:</i> The Hague Academy of International Law, The Hague, the Netherlands. - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Summer course in international public law. 10/2006 - 12/2006 - <i>Institution:</i> International Development Law Organization (IDLO), Rome, Italy. - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Course, legal professionals for development.		
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: <i>Date, employer, position, other information (starting with the most recent)</i>		

- Please copy/paste if more entries are required

- Please indicate relevance of experience for the nomination to list A or list B, as the case may be

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- *Employer:* Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Colombia.
- *Post title:* Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Colombia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- *Other information:* Serving as Ambassador, with representative functions both in the bilateral and in the multilateral areas.

In the bilateral context, represents Colombia's political interests, developing and strengthening, among others, relations and cooperation in the area of security and defense for the fight against transnational organized crime, with a special focus on handling the worldwide problem of drugs and human trafficking. Also participated as negotiator of the *Extradition Treaty* and took part in the negotiation of the *Judicial cooperation agreement* between both countries, fostering mutual legal assistance and facilitating the exchange of information and evidence that is necessary for the smooth conduct of judicial procedures. This experience is relevant for the nomination to list B, bearing in mind its relation with relevant areas of knowledge of the ICC, such as the approach to transnational organized crime, with has the capacity to threaten global stability and requires a coordinated response from the States in the fight against impunity, as well as for the prevention of potential crimes against humanity, such as human trafficking in the form of slavery.

In the multilateral area, responsible for permanent representation before the different governing bodies of international institutions with their seat in The Hague and jurisdiction in matters related to international law. She has represented the country before the Administrative Council of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Hague Conference on Private International Law, the International Court of Justice, and the International Criminal Court. She has been part of, and also led, several delegations for the negotiation of international instruments related to the promotion of international judicial activity and the fight against impunity. Under her leadership, the 2025 *Host Country Agreement* between the Permanent Court of Arbitration and Colombia was negotiated and adopted. In 2023, she was appointed Vice-President of the Special Working Group for the 125th. Anniversary of the Permanent Court of Arbitration; in this capacity, she actively promoted the importance of peaceful dispute settlement mechanisms, as well as the specific contributions of Latin America to international law and the importance of diversity and inclusion in international dispute settlement mechanisms. In the context of the ICC, she has participated in the four most recent Assemblies of the States Parties, during which she has also organized and taken part in several parallel events. Her participation in the different groups and facilitations of the Hague Working Groups, as well as in multiple academic and relational events of the ICC, have strengthened her knowledge, commitment and experience as regards the work of the Court. She has also organized the visits of the ICC's elected officials to Colombia (Prosecutor, Registrar, and Chair of the Trust Fund for Victims) intended to strengthen relations between the country and the Court, and has actively intervened in the negotiation and adoption of agreements and work plans that foster cooperation, dialogue, the exchange of experiences, and capacity building between the national judicial system, the Special Jurisdiction for Peace, and Colombian monitoring bodies with the different ICC bodies. The latter include the 2024 *Agreement between Columbia and the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC in the framework of the "Policy on Complementarity and Cooperation of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court"* and the 2023 *Joint Work Plan* between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia and the Office of the Prosecutor. She has also structured and elaborated the analyses required by Colombia concerning the status and progress of preliminary examinations, situations, and trials before the ICC. She co-directed and participated in the legal team for the elaboration of Colombia's 6 August 2024 intervention before Pre-Trial Chamber I, on the basis of rule 103 of the ICC's Rules of Procedure and Evidence, in the context of the Situation in Palestine. Likewise, she has supported the organization of multiple academic and outreach events of the Court. This has allowed her to develop ample capacities in the area of governance of international judicial institutions, specifically the International Criminal Court, as well as to enhance her solid experience in the functions and missions of the ICC, in particular as concerns the principles of complementarity and cooperation, and to foster spaces for external relations; all of these aspects complement the relevant experience required of nominees for election as judges included in list B.

02/2023 - Present

- *Employer:* Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Colombia.

- *Post title:* Permanent Representative to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).
- *Other information:*

As Permanent Representative of Colombia to the OPCW, she performed representative duties and monitored the activities of the organization's policy-making organs, as well as the compliance with the obligations imposed by the Convention, including, in particular, the review and forwarding to the Government of Colombia of reports and materials elaborated by different entities established in the framework of the organization in order to determine the possible occurrence and authorship of instances of use of chemical weapons in Syria (and, in particular, its impact on certain especially vulnerable populations, in line with Colombia's participation in entities that promote gender issues within the activities of the organization). She also elaborated the analysis leading to decision-making by the Colombian Government on initiatives intended to bring forward in the establishment of accountability mechanisms for those responsible for the use of chemical weapons. This experience is related to the work of the ICC, on account of the knowledge acquired concerning situations of possible use of chemical weapons against the civilian population and characterization of potential international crimes or violations of related international instruments, providing relevant expertise required to fulfil the requisites for judges included in list B.

10/2022 - Present

- *Employer:* Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Colombia
- *Post title:* Lawyer and Co-agent for Colombia before the International Court of Justice.
- *Other information:*

As of 2022, she was appointed by the Republic of Colombia as Co-Agent in the case on the *Question of the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between Nicaragua and Colombia beyond 200 nautical miles from the Nicaraguan Coast (Nicaragua v. Colombia)*, and in 2024 in the case on the *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel)*. In the former, in the capacity of co-agent, she led the strategy of Colombia's defense team, which concluded with the closure of a long-standing controversy corresponding to rights to the continental platform, with consequences for multiple regions beyond the parties involved, and whose effects were also dealt with in the allegations before the Court on account of their impact on the area's peace and security, as well as on the human rights of the border communities. In the latter, in her capacity as co-agent, she led the elaboration and presentation of a Declaration of Intervention by Colombia, pursuant to article 63 of the Statute of the Court, addressing the application of the *Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide* and of diverse relevant elements of international humanitarian law and human rights, particularly with regard to certain vulnerable populations such as women and children, in the context of the actions carried out by Israel in the Gaza Strip since 2023. Furthermore, between 2023 and 2025, she represented Colombia as part of the legal team before the International Court of Justice in the advisory proceedings on the *Obligations of Israel in relation to the Presence and Activities of the United Nations, Other International Organizations and Third States in and in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territory* as well as in those concerning the *Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*. That experience has established her familiarity with substantial aspects of complex issues of international public law, those related with international criminal law, and also diverse procedural aspects of judicial practice in international courts, which are required of candidates nominated under list B.

01/2004 - 01/2023

- *Employer:* Pontifical Javierian University
- *Post title:* Dean of the School of Legal Sciences, Department Head and full professor.
- *Other information:*

Served as Dean of the School of Legal Sciences (March 2020 – January 2021), with responsibility for the academic and administrative direction of the School of Law; she was responsible for managing its development, representing the academic community, guaranteeing the quality of education and legal research, and ensuring compliance with the University's vision and with strategic objectives. She led a team of 85 full professors and administrative personnel, 230 assistant professors, 1200 undergraduate law students, 550 post-graduate law students, and approximately 6000 graduates. During her mandate, the Law Program was the recipient of high-quality accreditations over the course of 10 years; this is the highest recognition ever obtained in the Law School's history. She managed and approved the reform of the syllabus, which incorporated courses related with social justice based on human rights, the strengthening of judicial institutions, and the rule of law. She also managed relations between the Law School and the governmental

authorities in the three branches of public power. She was in charge of the establishment and management of the Disciplinary Committee of the School of Law. She served as a member of the University's Governing Board from 2020 to 2022, as member of the Committee in charge of drafting and adopting the *Manual for the Handling of Conflicts of Interest* in the Pontifical Javierian University, member of the technical work group for the updating and revision of the *Protocol for the Prevention, Support and Follow-Up of Cases of Violence and Discrimination, including gender-based violence*, and member of the Expert Commission for the revision of opportunities for improvement in the measures adopted for the implementation of information technologies in judiciary procedures and the flexibilization of services for users of the Ministry of Justice's justice system and of the law.

As Director of the Department of Philosophy and History of Law (12/2016 to 02/2020), she contributed to the establishment and implementation in the legal course of studies of an added focus on human rights and social justice, which includes courses such as the following: peace, development and human rights; transnational law; comparative law; and international humanitarian law.

Her academic career began in 2004, when she took up the duties of assistant lecturer; she progressed through all the levels of the academic teaching scale (assistant lecturer in 2004, assistant professor from 2005 to 2016, associate professor from 2016 to 2023 and, finally, full professor in 2023). She lectured in international law, inter-American and European human rights systems, international humanitarian law, international economic law, transnational law and development, businesses and human rights, international investment arbitration, and law research, both to undergraduates and to graduate students. She also directed several research projects, always focusing on the area of human rights, and taught numerous continuing education and specialization courses on human rights, international humanitarian law and international criminal law, to public officials, members of the military and of the armed forces of Colombia, bar associations, and officials of the judiciary, among others. She directed the *Centro de Estudios de Derecho Internacional "Francisco Suárez"* ("Francisco Suárez" Center of International Law Studies) from 2004 to 2007, and from 2015 to 2023.

This experience positions her as a distinguished member of the academic sector and jurist, recognized for her leadership and management skills, her team work and her relations-building capacity, as well as for her intellectual rigor in pertinent issues of international law, human rights, and international humanitarian law, which are closely related to the knowledge and skills required for the ICC's mission, especially of judges included in list B.

01/2022 - 10/2022

- *Employer:* *Agencia Nacional de Defensa Jurídica del Estado* (ANDJE, National Legal Defence Agency)
- *Post title:* Expert witness
- *Other information:*

She served as expert witness in case CDH17-2020 *U'WA Indigenous People and its Members v. Colombia* before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. She elaborated an expert report focusing on the harmonization of the right to development as a human right and its interrelation with other human rights, from the perspective of international and comparative law, paying special attention to the role of economic projects in the realization of economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR). She also made reference to the impact of exploration and exploitation projects in the mining-energy sector on the right to development and the guarantee of ESCR, more especially as concerns the provision of essential public services. Finally, she incorporated an analysis on the protection of ethnic communities, sovereignty over natural resources, and the self-determination of peoples, in the context of the protection and guarantee of collective rights to land and natural resources. The experience obtained from this role as expert in international human-rights judicial proceedings and in the study of complex cases complements her full compliance with the requisites pertaining to list B.

07/2020 - 09/2020

- *Employer:* Ecopetrol / Pontifical Javierian University.
- *Post title:* Consultant in restorative memory and justice, human rights and international humanitarian rights, investment arbitration, businesses and human rights.
- *Other information:*

Senior consultant in the draft *Study of Historical Memory of Campo Rubiales*. Campo Rubiales is Colombia's most productive petroleum deposit; it is located in Puerto Gaitán, whose community is affected by social problems, environmental damage, and forced displacement. The study had as its main purpose the reconstruction of historical memory in the operative area of Campo Rubiales, in order to design plans for peaceful resolution of the conflicts that had been identified in the context of the dynamics of transitional justice and the processes related to restoration of those ethnic communities that were established there. This recognized experience is related to substantive aspects that are relevant for the International Criminal Court's judicial work required for list B.

03/2021 - 03/2023

- *Employer:* Bogotá Chamber of Commerce
- *Post title:* Member of the Court of Arbitration and member of the Advisory Board for strategic litigation of the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce
- *Other information:*

Participated in the strategic management of the Arbitration and Conciliation Center, in charge of administering the mediation, amicable settlement, conciliation and arbitration processes offered and managed by the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce. Also, defined applicable regulations and criteria, as well as the selection of lists of arbiters, secretaries to courts of arbitration, conciliators, amiable compositeurs, and other lists of the Center. She participated in the study of misconduct by this group and imposed the corresponding sanctions when she deemed it necessary, suggested the adoption of new policies to allow the Center to better achieve its objectives, and made recommendations for the Center's performance of its function of contributing to the administration of justice and promoting access to justice in the most efficient manner. This has allowed her to consolidate her experience with and commitment to the different mechanisms available for dispute settlement, as well as the fundamental requisites of probity, integrity and transparency; these aspects enhance the fulfilment of requirements for judges included in list B.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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05/2022 – 01/2026

- *Activity:* Member of the national group before the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

03/2018 – 11/2020

- *Activity:* Academic peer with the *Consejo Nacional de Acreditación* (National Council for Accreditation) of the National Ministry of Education.
- Evaluated the academic quality of institutions and programs of higher education on the basis of their suitability, research and teaching, in order to guarantee objectivity and rigor in the accreditation process. Directed the evaluation process for high-quality accreditation of Law programs of the *Universidad Cooperativa de Pasto* (Pasto Cooperative University) in 2018, the *Institución Universitaria de Envigado* (University Institution of Envigado) in 2018, and the ICESI private university in 2020.

03/2015 - 03/2020

- *Activity:* Guest professor and member of the academic Committee of the University of la Sabana.
- Lectured in history of international law, methodology of law research, international investment law, and human rights and businesses. Member of the academic Committee of the Master in International Law program.

06/2019 – 10/2019

- *Activity:* External consultant of the International Bar Association (IBA)
- Was entrusted with designing an International Training Program for Lawyers on Human Rights and Businesses, and with lecturing during training sessions in collaboration with the Chamber of Legal Services of the *Asociación Nacional de Industriales* (ANDI, National Association of Industrialists) and the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce.

12/2016 - 10/2017

- *Employer:* Rodrigo Lara Bonilla Judicial School/Universidad Nacional (UNAD, National University).
- *Activity:* Trainer in human rights and international humanitarian law.
- *Other information:* Lectured during the initial training course for magistrates and judges.

09/2008 – 06/2009

- *Employer:* Sciences Po Paris, Paris, and Poitiers Euro-Latin American Campus.
- *Activity:* Professor.
- *Other information:* Designed and taught two semesters of the course titled: Foreign investment and human rights in Latin America.

10/2005 – 10/2019

- *Activity:* Guest lecturer.
- **(10/2019)** *Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada:* Course on Resilience and the Future of Law: How legal practice is changing in Colombia.
- **(07/2019)** *Bayreuth International Summer School, Bayreuth University, Bayreuth, Germany:* Course on Human Rights in South America.
- **(04/2019)** *Centro Universitario de Brasilia UNICEUB, Brasilia, Brazil:* Course on human rights and businesses for graduate students (Doctorate in Law).
- **(04/2019)** *Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Bogotá, Colombia. Master in Human Rights, Citizenship and Peace/Master in Environmental Law and Sustainability:* Master's course in environmental law and corporate social responsibility.
- **(12/2016, 12/2017, 04/2018)** *Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá y Santa Marta, Colombia:* course on human rights and businesses, addressed to students in the Master's Program in administrative law and public law.
- **(10/2017-09/2019)** *Universidad Libre de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia:* Doctoral course on transnational law.
- **(07/2015-05/2019)** *Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá Colombia:* Course on the universal system of human rights, taught to graduate students of International Law of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law.
- **(04/2015)** *Pontifical Javierian University, Cali, Colombia:* Course on Systems for the Protection of Human Rights, addressed to students in the Master's Program in Human Rights and the Culture of Peace.
- **(06/2009 and 09/2009)** *Universidad Católica Andrés Bello/Pontifical Javierian University, Caracas, Venezuela:* Virtual course for judges on the inter-American human rights system.
- **(03/2006)** *Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, Medellin, Colombia:* Course on Conflict Resolution in International Economic Law for students of the Master's Program in Private Law.
- **(10-11/2005)** *Universidad Privada de La Paz, La Paz, Bolivia:* Course on International Economic Law for students of the Master's Program in Law and Economics.

06/2006 – 06/2007

- *Employer:* Social Pastoral Center, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Bogotá, Colombia.
- *Activity:* Legal adviser.
- *Other information:* Advised seekers of refugee status, and designed applications for the recognition of refugee status submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Relations, mainly for persons originating in Cuba, Venezuela and francophone African countries.

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS**Books**

- *Business and Human Rights from the lens of Women: Voices from the Global South*, Olarte-Bácares, Carolina, Pamplona Danielle, Uvarova Olena (eds.), Springer, 245 pp. (in English).
- *International Investment Law and Arbitration from a Latin American Perspective*, Olarte-Bácares Carolina, Monebhurrin Nitish, Velásquez-Ruiz Marco (eds.), Springer, 2024 (in English).

Chapters in books

- “Intellectual production by women from peripheral countries in business and human rights: Conditions and barriers”, Pamplona Danielle Anne, Olarte-Bácares Carolina, Uvarova Olena, Schembri Peña Angela, in Uvarova O., Pamplona D.A., Olarte-Bácares C., *Business and Human Rights from the lens of Women: Voices from the Global South*, Springer, 2025, pp. 1-9 (in English).
- “The Right to Property”, in Cantú Rivera Humberto (ed.), *Commentary to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, Brill-Nijhoff, Netherlands, 2024 (in English).
- “Guiding principle 9: domestic policy”, Carolina Olarte-Bácares, in *The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, a commentary*, Choudhury Barnali, Edward Elgar, 2023, pp. 70-76 (in English).
- “Inter-American protection of economic actors’ human rights”, in Bernd Kannowski, Kerstin Steiner (Eds.), *Regional Human Rights: International and Regional Human Rights: Friends or Foes?*, Nomos, 2021, pp. 67-96 (in English).
- “Empresas y derechos humanos: Un reto para la educación legal en Colombia”, in Olarte-Bácares Carolina, Irisarri Catalina, Arenas Laura (Eds.), *Retos y Desafíos de las Empresas y los Derechos Humanos*, Editorial Ibáñez, 2019, pp. 132-136 (in Spanish).
- “Vie privée et liberté d’expression: approche comparée de la protection des investisseurs en droit des investissements et en droits de l’homme”, in Walid Ben Hamida and Frédérique Coulée, *Convergences et contradictions du droit des investissements et des droits de l’homme*, Paris, PEDONE, 2017, pp. 227-242 (in French).
- “L’impact de l’intersection des régimes juridiques internationaux de l’investissement étranger et des droits de l’homme en Amérique Latine sur le droit transnational”, in Lu Yi and Snyder Francis, *The Future of Transnational Law: EU, USA, China and the BRICS*, Bruylant Bruxelles, 2015, pp. 181-209 (in French).
- “Problemas y retos en la enseñanza del Derecho Internacional en América Latina”, in *Derecho Global, liber amicorum a Luis Fernando Álvarez Londoño*, Jorge González-Jácome (dir.), Javegraf, Bogotá, 2007, pp. 21-39 (in Spanish).
- “Las resoluciones de la ONU: Flexibilización de la teoría de las fuentes del derecho internacional”, in *Derecho Internacional contemporáneo, liber amicorum en homenaje a Germán Cavellier*, Ricardo Abello Galvis (dir.), Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, 2006, pp. 160-173 (in Spanish).
- “Enfoque jurídico de los Derechos Humanos”, teaching manual in human rights for the specialized course in *Human rights and international humanitarian law*, CRC/Javeriana/CINEP, Bogotá, 2004, electronic book (in Spanish).

Articles in indexed publications

- “Access to remedy and the construction of collective memory. New perspectives under the realm of the Colombian transitional justice project”, Olarte-Bácares Carolina, Velásquez-Ruiz Marco, *Business and Human Rights Journal*, Vol. 6.3 2022 (in English).
- “From Swords to Words: The Intersection of Geopolitics and Law, and the Subtle Expansion of International Law in the Consolidation of the Independence of the Latin American Republics”, *Journal of the history of international law, Revue d’histoire du droit international (JHIL)*, vol. 21:1, pp. 1-32. 2019 (in English).
- “La influencia de los pronunciamientos de organismos internacionales en la jurisprudencia de la Corte Constitucional Colombiana en materia de DESC”, *International Law Revista Colombiana de Derecho Internacional*, N. 12, 2008, pp. 253-300 (in Spanish).
- “La efectividad del Derecho Internacional del Medio Ambiente”, *International Law Revista Colombiana de Derecho Internacional*, N.5, 2006, pp. 429-464 (in Spanish).
- “Les juges du tiers monde à la Cour Internationale de Justice », *International Law Revista Colombiana de Derecho Internacional*, N. 3, 2004, pp. 179-250 (in French).
- « L’efficacité des sanctions de l’ONU », *International Law Revista Colombiana de Derecho Internacional*, N. 3, 2004, pp. 11-72 (in French).

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

- “Lessons learned from women activists in Colombia’s peacebuilding process”, in Women & Peace Conference: In the footsteps of Bertha Von Suttner, Alliance Française, The Hague, December 2025 (in English).

- “Rethinking State action: Colombia’s Feminist Foreign Policy, structural violence, and new masculinities”, presentation of the book *Taking lives: Narratives of Latin American femicide perpetrators*, Leiden University, The Hague, October 2025 (in English).
- “The Next Step: Shaping the Future of Inclusion: Advancing Gender Equity and Inclusion in a Shifting Political Climate”, keynote speaker at the Summit and awards presentation, Rise & Lead 2025, The Hague, September 2025 (in English).
- “Building bridges, dams and locks through the exercise of international law”, The Hague Academy of International Law, winter courses of the Academy, January 2025/ Maastricht university, September 2025 (in French and in English).
- “El papel de la CPI y la CIJ en el fortalecimiento del Estado de Derecho: Un ecosistema judicial internacional en evolución y con retos permanentes”, in *World Law Congress*, organized by the World Jurist Association, panel: Strengthening Global Rule of Law and Human Rights: The role of the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice in the handling of complex cases, Dominican Republic, 04-06 May 2025.
- “Inclusiveness and diversity within the PCA: reflections around gender equality”, Introductory and concluding remarks, in *Inclusiveness and diversity within the PCA*, The Hague, 26 March 2025 (in English).
- “Post-conflict peace agreements and dispute resolution mechanisms”, in Grotius Conference, Leiden University/Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, 7 November 2024 (in English).
- “Integration of trauma-informed approaches in accountability mechanisms for atrocity crimes: Comments from Colombia”, in *How to improve the quality of evidence and promote healing victims? A call for standards to integrate trauma-informed approaches in accountability mechanisms*, parallel event, 23rd Assembly of the States Parties, The Hague, 3 December 2024 (in English).
- “How Colombia is Using Transitional Restorative Justice to Judge International Crimes”, Comments, International Criminal Court, The Hague, 23 October 2024 (in English).
- Seminar on strengthening capacities in the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of serious human rights violations and breaches of international humanitarian law in Colombia, introductory comments during the opening session, Asser Institute and Amsterdam University, The Hague, 24 June 2024 (in English).
- Dynamic Complementarity – The Two-Track Approach, Special Event Presenting the OTP Policy on Complementarity and Cooperation: The Case of Colombia, panel member, ICC, The Hague, 2024 (in English).
- “Lessons learned: mediation at the *Páramo de Santurbán* Case in Colombia”, Workshop Investor-State Dispute Resolution at the PCA, The Hague, 14 June 2024 (in English).
- “Building a Feminist Foreign Policy in Colombia: Challenges and opportunities”, panel member in *Experience and Voice: Library of Colombian Women Writers – Symposium and workshop*, Leiden University, 23 May 2024 (in English).
- Bridging the gap between civil society organizations and judicial authorities in the fight against impunity for core international crimes, panel member in the presentation of the Project of National Authorities against Impunity, The Hague, EUROJUST, 12 February 2025 (in English).
- “Empresas y construcción de paz, Presentación nota de enseñanza”, Teaching forum on Business and Human Rights/Pontifical Javierian University, 25 May 2021 (<https://teachbhr.org/resources/teaching-bhr-handbook/teaching-notes/business-and-peacebuilding/>).
- “The Colombian Peace Tribunal (JEP) as a mechanism for global governance: transition beyond borders as an open invitation to transform legal practice”, Conference, University of British Columbia, Allard School of Law, Vancouver, Canada, 14 November 2019 (in English).
- Inaugural lecture, Doctorate of Law, Pontifical Javierian University: Foreign investment, businesses and human rights: The epistemology of transnational law, Bogotá, 15 August 2017.
- “El derecho internacional humanitario y la protección del medio ambiente en las operaciones militares”, *Jornadas de derecho internacional humanitario*, organized by the Ministry of Justice of Colombia in Bogotá, Cartagena and Buenaventura, Colombia, June, July, and August 2007.
- “Las medidas provisionales en el sistema interamericano de derechos humanos”, in *Congreso Interamericano de derechos humanos dirigido a las Fuerzas Armadas de Colombia*, Bogotá, November 2006.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES
- Founding member of the <i>Academia Colombiana de Derecho Internacional</i> (ACCOLDI, Colombian Academy of International Law) - Member of the International Law Association and Co-Chair of the Committee on businesses and human rights. - Member of the Standing Committee of the <i>Escuela Javeriana de Gobierno y Ética Pública</i> (Javierian School of Government and Public Ethics).
AWARDS AND HONORS
- 09/2025: The Francisco de Paula Pérez Medal, in recognition of significant contributions to law, in particular international law and human rights, Pontifical Javierian University. - 2015: Awarded honors (Summa Cum Laude) for doctoral thesis, Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. - 2008-2012: COLCIENCIAS excellence scholarship for doctoral studies. - 2012: EUIC-Venice Academy of Human Rights, Scholarship for summer studies at the Venice Academy of Human Rights. - 2011: European University Institute, Florence, Italy, Scholarship for studies at the summer school. - 2009: Scholarship for the Summer Course in Public International Law at the Hague Academy of International Law.
PERSONAL INTERESTS
- Athletics, marathon, photography, literature.
OTHER RELEVANT FACTS
As Ambassador to the Netherlands, her work has been characterized by the active promotion of gender equity and the fight against gender-based violences. She is a member of the <i>International Gender Champions (IGC)</i> network, as well as a member of its Steering Committee. In 2024 she chaired the group of women ambassadors to the Netherlands. She has participated in numerous awareness-raising and analysis events on gender-based violences, the implementation of Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, Colombia's feminist foreign policy, and the crucial role of peace-building women. Consequently, it should be stressed that Ambassador Olarte's experience has provided her with an ample knowledge of violence against women, approached from different social, cultural, institutional and policy contexts. This has allowed her to understand how violence against women operates as the expression of structural inequalities. Further to her publications, she has also participated as editor and member of editorial committees of scientific publications on international law and international humanitarian law, such as the <i>Anuario Iberoamericano sobre Derecho Internacional Humanitario</i> (Ibero-American Yearbook on International Humanitarian Law), of the University of La Sabana, as member of the Editorial Committee since its creation in 2020; of the <i>Brill Latin American and Caribbean Journal of International Law (LACJIL)</i>, as editor for international public law since 2024; and of the <i>Brazilian Journal of International Law</i>, of the Brasilia University Center UNICEUB, as member of the Editorial Committee since 2018. She is currently directing two doctoral theses: - Title: "<i>La incorporación progresiva de una dimensión ambiental en el estándar internacional de responsabilidad empresarial en materia de derechos humanos: perspectivas cruzadas entre el nivel global y regional latinoamericano</i>" (The progressive incorporation of an environmental dimension in the international standard of corporate responsibility for human rights: cross views from the global and the Latin American regional levels). Doctoral candidate Angela Schembri, Doctorate in Legal Sciences, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne/Pontifical Javierian University, Doctorate of Law. - Title: "<i>La responsabilidad empresarial por el desplazamiento de personas</i>" (Corporate responsibility for the displacement of persons). Doctoral candidate: Laura Arenas. Doctorate in Human Rights, Carlos III University.

11. PEYRÓ LLOPIS, Ana (Spain)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of Spain in The Hague presents its compliments to the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court and has the honour to inform that the Government of Spain has decided to nominate Dr. Ana Peyró Llopis for the position of judge of the International Criminal Court for the term 2027–2036, in the elections to be held in December 2026 in New York.

With reference to note verbale ICC-ASP/25/SP/01/Corr.2 of 16 December 2025, by which the Procedure for the nomination of candidates and election of judges, the Prosecutor and the Deputy Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court is communicated, the Embassy has the honour to attach to this note verbale the nomination of Dr. Ana Peyró Llopis, signed by the Coordinator of the Spanish National Group, together with her curriculum vitae and statement of qualifications in Spanish, English and French, which demonstrate the conformity of the nomination in accordance with annex I of the aforementioned note verbale of 16 December 2025.

Statement of qualifications

The Government of Spain has decided to nominate Dr. Ana Peyró Llopis for the position of judge at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the elections to be held at the 25th session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute in December 2026.

In accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of Judges of the ICC (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended), the Government of Spain has the honour of submitting the following statement of qualifications:

- (a) Specifying in the necessary detail how the candidate fulfils each of the requirements in article 36, paragraph 3 (a), (b) and (c), of the Statute, in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Statute**

Article 36, paragraph 3 (a)

Dr. Peyró is of recognised high moral character, impartiality and integrity and meets the conditions required in Spain for appointment to the highest judicial offices. Article 159, paragraph 2 of the Spanish Constitution provides that the members of the Constitutional Court shall be appointed among magistrates and prosecutors, university professors, public officials and lawyers, all of whom must have a recognized standing with at least fifteen years' practice in their profession. Dr. Peyró has over 25 years of expertise in public international law, criminal justice and accountability acquired through her professional practice as a professor at a number of universities and as a public official and lawyer in the Government of Spain and at the United Nations.

Article 36, paragraph 3 (b)

Dr. Peyró is a Spanish lawyer specialized in public international law and international criminal justice and accountability, with over 25 years of professional legal experience.

(i) Dr. Peyró has thoroughly established competence in areas of international law relevant to the judicial work of the Court, in particular in international humanitarian law, international human rights law and international criminal law.

She is currently a Principal Legal Officer in the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, leading teams providing legal advice on issues of public international law relating to conflict and post-conflict situations, including international humanitarian law, international human rights law and international criminal law. As Acting Director of the Department of Legal Affairs of UNRWA, she advised on the legal aspects of the humanitarian crisis stemming from the 2021 armed conflict in Gaza, including legal questions in the fields of international humanitarian law, international human rights law, international refugee law, international criminal law and accountability, and privileges and immunities.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Dr. Peyró was a researcher and professor of public international law at the most prestigious universities (e.g. Université Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne), New York University, Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris - "Sciences-Po", Universidad Autónoma and Universidad Complutense de Madrid). As a Professor, she has taught general courses in public international law and specialized courses in international humanitarian law, international human rights law and international criminal law, including specific seminars on international humanitarian law for the military at the Spanish Ministry of Defence and seminars on international human rights law and violence against women for judges from different legal traditions in the context of Council of Europe programmes. She has been the director of a European research team on the rights of detainees in international law, funded by the European Union Commission. Her authority in the field of public international law is well evidenced by her many publications, including a book that won the Suzanne Bastid prize in 2005 for the best doctorate in public international law in the French language. She has also published in the field of international criminal justice, including a book on universal jurisdiction for crimes against humanity.

Dr. Peyró also worked as a Senior Legal Advisor at the Spanish Ministry of Justice, in which capacity she routinely provided advice on public international law-related questions, including international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law. She was part of the teams representing Spain before various United Nations human rights committees and for the Universal Periodic Review.

(ii) Dr. Peyró also has extensive experience in a professional legal capacity that is of relevance to the judicial work of the Court. In particular, she provides, and supervises the provision of, legal advice on criminal accountability-related questions relating, among other things, to international and hybrid criminal tribunals (e.g. the International Criminal Court, the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals and the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia). This includes all questions relating to the implementation of the Relationship Agreement between the United Nations and the International Criminal Court, in particular the sharing of United Nations information with the Court.

In 2024, she was appointed Acting Special Adviser and Head of the Investigative Team to support domestic efforts to hold the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh) accountable for international crimes committed in Iraq (UNITAD). She finalized criminal investigations relating to acts committed by ISIL (Da'esh) in Iraq that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. This involved assessing the evidence of such acts that UNITAD had collected, preserved and stored. As Head of UNITAD, she personally supervised, reviewed and made final legal determinations on analytical reports and case-assessments, for their eventual use in fair and independent criminal proceedings.

As Senior Legal Advisor at the Spanish Ministry of Justice, she provided advice on international criminal justice-related questions (e.g. universal jurisdiction for international crimes and international judicial cooperation in criminal matters, including with international criminal tribunals).

Article 36, paragraph 3 (c)

Dr. Peyró is bilingual in Spanish and French. Most of her education was in French-speaking countries and in France and she taught at two of the most prestigious French universities (Université Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne and the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris - "Sciences-Po"). She won the Suzanne Bastid prize for the best doctorate in the French language in 2005. She has an excellent knowledge of and is fluent in English. She has practised international law professionally in English and French, as well as in Spanish. She is also fluent in Italian.

(b) Indicating whether the candidate is being nominated for inclusion in list A or list B for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 5, of the Statute

Dr. Peyró is being nominated under list B, which includes candidates who have 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 which is of relevance to the judicial work of the Court.

(c) Containing information relating to article 36, paragraph 8 (a) (i) to (iii), of the Statute

Relevant information relating to article 36, paragraph 8 (a), of the Rome Statute is as follows:

- (i) Dr. Peyró represents primarily the Civil Law system, having studied in Spain (Master's degree) and France (LLM and PhD) and having professional legal experience in both countries. She also has in-

depth knowledge of the Common Law system, as well as of other legal traditions, having studied and worked in the United States (post-doctoral research) and worked and provided legal advice jointly with lawyers from different legal systems, in particular in the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, at UNRWA and at UNITAD;

- (ii) Dr. Peyró is a national of Spain. Her nomination is submitted for the Group of Western European and Other States; and
- (iii) Dr. Peyró is a female candidate.

(d) Indicating whether the candidate has any expertise under article 36, paragraph 8 (b), of the Statute

Dr. Peyró has specific legal expertise in the fields of violence against women and children. At the Spanish Ministry of Justice, she developed orders and protocols for the implementation of the 2004 Spanish Law on violence against women. While at the Ministry, she also advised on the drafting of the 2011 Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention). She has trained judges in Romania, Morocco and Tunisia on international human rights law and violence against women as a consultant for the Council of Europe and for public sector foundations of the Spanish cooperation system.

At the United Nations, she has been the focal point in the Office of Legal Affairs on legal questions relating to the mandates of the Special Representatives of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and Sexual Violence in Conflict. As Acting Special Adviser of UNITAD, she supervised investigations of international crimes committed by ISIL (Da'esh) in Iraq against women and children.

(e) Indicating under which nationality the candidate is being nominated for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 7, of the Statute

Dr. Peyró holds Spanish nationality only.

(f) Indicating whether the nomination is made under article 36, paragraph 4(a)(i) or paragraph 4(a)(ii), of the Statute, and specifying in the necessary detail the elements of the procedure leading to the nomination

The Government of Spain submits the nomination of Dr. Peyró in strict compliance with the national procedure established for the nomination of judges to the International Criminal Court. This procedure is carried out pursuant to article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (ii), of the Rome Statute, by means of a selection process conducted by the National Group of Spain in the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

The National Group, chaired by Ambassador Juan Antonio Yáñez-Barnuevo (former Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations and head of the Spanish delegation to the Rome Conference in 1998), examined many nominations, starting in early 2025. Three candidates were short-listed by the National Group on the basis of the criteria specified in article 36, paragraph 3 of the Rome Statute. A more detailed assessment of the short-listed candidates was conducted by the National Group in September 2025. The National Group selected Dr. Peyró as the most qualified candidate, on the basis of her outstanding academic and professional records, in particular her multidisciplinary professional experience relating to public international law and international criminal justice in academia, at the Spanish Ministry of Justice and with the United Nations.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Government of Spain was then informed of the National Group of Spain's decision so that the nomination could be submitted. Attached is the certificate of the minutes of the meeting of the National Group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at which the National Group unanimously agreed to propose Dr. Peyró as a candidate for judge of the International Criminal Court.

(g) Acknowledgement of information provided under sub-paragraph (a) by a senior member of the national-level judiciary or the authority of the Nominating State overseeing the nomination process

The nomination of Dr. Peyró is formally endorsed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Government of Spain, who oversaw the nomination process and gave the final official approval for the nomination.

(h) The commitment of the candidate to be available to take up full-time service when the Court's workload so requires

Dr. Peyró has committed to making herself available to take up full-time service when the Court's workload so requires.

Curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	PEYRO LLOPIS	
FIRST NAME:	ANA	
MIDDLE NAME:		
GENDER:	Female	
DATE OF BIRTH:	4/4/1975	
NATIONALITY:	SPAIN	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	WEOG	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)		
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List B	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: SPANISH/FRENCH	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- OTHERS	ITALIAN : (written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the "+" sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i>		
09/2004 - 06/2005 - <i>Institution:</i> New York University, USA - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Post-doctoral research		
10/1999 - 07/2004 - <i>Institution:</i> University Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne), France, University Jaume I, Spain - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Ph.D. in Public International Law		
09/2001 - 07/2003 - <i>Institution:</i> University Jaume I, Spain - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> LL.M. in Constitutional Rights and Duties		
10/1998 - 09/1999 - <i>Institution:</i> University Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne), France		

- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> LL.M. in Public International Law and International Organizations	
10/1993 - 09/1998	
- <i>Institution:</i> University of Valencia, Spain - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Master's Degree in Law and admission to the Bar of Valencia (Spain)	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: <i>Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)</i> - Please click the "+" sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries - Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate	
04/2018 - present	
- <i>Employer:</i> OFFICE OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL, OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK - <i>Post title:</i> Principal Legal Officer - <i>Other information:</i> - Leading the provision of advice on issues of public international law relating to conflict and post-conflict situations - Supervising the provision of legal advice on criminal accountability-related questions, including international and hybrid criminal tribunals (e.g. International Criminal Court, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone) - Negotiating international agreements and instruments, including for the establishment, renewal and closure of international criminal accountability and anti-corruption mechanisms - Supervising the preparation of dossiers and written and oral submissions of the United Nations in advisory proceedings at the International Court of Justice - Leading the legal review of messaging for the Secretary-General and other senior United Nations officials - Management of the Office of the Legal Counsel (including human resources and budget)	
04/2024 – 09/2024	
- <i>Employer:</i> INVESTIGATIVE TEAM TO PROMOTE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CRIMES COMMITTED BY DA'ESH/ISLAMIC STATE IN IRAQ AND THE LEVANT (UNITAD), UNITED NATIONS, BAGHDAD - <i>Post title:</i> Acting Special Adviser and Head - <i>Other information:</i> - In charge of a team of 240 personnel and a budget of around USD 30 million at a critical juncture - namely the closure of the Investigative Team - Finalizing criminal investigations relating to acts committed by ISIL (Da'esh) in Iraq that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide - Assessing the evidence of such acts that UNITAD had collected, preserved and stored - Supervising, reviewing and making final legal determinations on analytical reports and case-assessments, for their eventual use in fair and independent criminal proceedings - Engaging with the Iraqi authorities at ministerial level, the diplomatic community and other relevant stakeholders - Reporting to, and orally briefing, the Security Council - Developing and overseeing the implementation of a new strategy and roadmap to deliver mandated activities in parallel with the urgent drawdown and liquidation of the Investigative Team	
05/2021 – 11/2021	
- <i>Employer:</i> DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, UNRWA, JERUSALEM	

- *Post title:* Acting Director
- *Other information:*
 - In charge of a team of 12 personnel advising on issues in the fields of international humanitarian law, international human rights law, international refugee law, international criminal law and accountability, privileges and immunities, contracts, procurement and administration of justice
 - Appointed to respond to an emergency situation, during and after the May 2021 armed conflict
 - Management of the Department (including human resources and budget)

10/2015 – 03/2018

- *Employer:* OFFICE OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL, OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK
- *Post title:* Senior Legal Officer
- *Other information:*
 - Team Leader on questions of international criminal justice and accountability (international criminal tribunals, non-judicial accountability mechanisms and other investigative mechanisms), including ICTY and ICTR closure processes, residual functions of international tribunals and the establishment of the IIM-Syria, UNITAD and IIM-Myanmar
 - Negotiating the adoption and implementation of a code of ethics for judges at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon
 - Team leader for the implementation of the Relationship Agreement between the International Criminal Court and the United Nations, in particular for judicial cooperation

03/2007 – 12/2011

- *Employer:* MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, MADRID
- *Post title:* Senior Legal Adviser of the Secretary of State
- *Other information:*
 - Leading on questions relating to international and European Union law, including judicial cooperation in criminal matters, atrocity crimes, transnational crimes and human rights
 - Ministry's expert at international conferences and meetings, in particular on human rights (e.g. meetings of UN human rights treaty-bodies) and international criminal law (e.g. United Nations conferences on criminal justice, human trafficking, corruption)
 - Focal point of the Ministry for engagement with civil society

10/1999 – 02/2007

- *Employer:* ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, FRANCE, SPAIN, USA
- *Post title:* Professor and researcher
- *Other information:*
 - Teaching and researching in public International Law, including international criminal law, since 1999 (LLB, LLM, trainings for practitioners) at several universities in different countries (see list below)
 - Director and manager of international research projects in public international law involving researchers from universities based in different countries, including on international criminal law
 - International consultant for international organizations, including the Council of Europe, European Commission and UNDP, on questions of public international law (e.g. international provisions relating to domestic and gender violence, international protection of human rights, rule of law)
 - Author of books and articles on a wide variety of questions of public international law, published in English, French and Spanish (see list of publications)

01/2012 – 09/2015

- *Employer:* Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain
- *Post title:* Senior Ramón y Cajal Researcher in Public International Law – Madrid

09/2006 – 06/2015

- *Employer:* IEP Paris-Sciences-Po, France;
Instituto de Empresa, Spain;
Defence High Studies Centre, Ministry of Defence, Spain;
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain
- *Post title:* Adjunct Professor – Madrid & Paris

09/2005 – 03/2007

- *Employer:* University of Cergy-Pontoise, France
- *Post title:* Tenured Professor of Public International Law – Paris

09/2004 – 06/2005

- *Employer:* New York University School of Law, USA
- *Post title:* Global Research Fellow – New York

10/1999 – 08/2004

- *Employer:* University Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne), France
- *Post title:* Assistant Professor and Researcher – Paris

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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01/2014-09/2015

- *Activity:* Director of a European Commission Research Programme on Detainees' Rights (European Commission, DG Justice)

01/2012-09/2015

- *Activity:* International Consultant for Council of Europe projects: consultant for the training of the judiciary in Romania on gender violence (2015); consultant for the analysis of Tunisia's legislation on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (2014); consultant for the analysis of the conformity of Morocco's legislation with the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (2013)

04/2015

- *Activity:* Consultant for European Union project on International Protection of Human Rights - Implementation in Morocco

04/2009

- *Activity:* International Consultant for UNDP on Rule of Law in the security sector

01/2005-01/2008

- *Activity:* Director and Manager of a research project funded by the French National Research Agency on International Terrorism and New Threats Against Peace and International Security; senior officers' training in developing countries on human rights in the framework of the fight against terrorism

01/2000-09/2015

- *Activity:*
 - Editor of the International Law in Domestic Courts Chronicle, Revista Española de Derecho Internacional (REDI), 2011-2013
 - Commentaries for the International Law in Domestic Courts Chronicle, Revista Española de Derecho Internacional (REDI 2012/1, 2012/2, 2013/1 et 2013/2)
 - Commentaries on judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Revue Trimestrielle de Droit Européen (RTDE janv-mars 2013, janv-mars 2014, janv-mars 2015)
 - Commentaries on judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Journal du Droit International
 - Book reviews, Annuaire français de droit international, Revista Española de Derecho Internacional, Revista Electrónica de Estudios Internacionales

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28. “The Place of International Law in Recent Supreme Court Decisions”, Global Law Working Paper, NYU School of Law, 2004, 53 pp., http://www.nyulawglobal.org/workingpapers/GLWP_0405.htm

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General Public International Law:

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Public International Law, Sciences-Po Paris, France, (2005-2007)	
International Relations, Sciences-Po Paris, France (2007-2008)	
Public International Law, Université Cergy-Pontoise, France (2005-2007)	
Public International Law, Universidad Autónoma of Madrid, Spain (2009-2011)	
Public International Law, Universidad Complutense of Madrid, Spain (2013-2015)	
Opening Fireside Chat of International Law Weekend, Keynote speaker, American Branch of the International Law Association, USA (2025)	
International Humanitarian Law, International Human Rights Law, Violence against Women, International Criminal Accountability:	
International Humanitarian Law, Defense High Studies Centre, Ministry of Defense, Spain (2012-2015)	
International Humanitarian Law, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain (2013-2015)	
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Gender violence, Spanish cooperation, Morocco (2009-2011)	
International Protection of Human Rights, Spanish cooperation, Morocco (2015)	
United Nations non-judicial criminal accountability mechanisms, Columbia University, USA (2018-2025)	
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Extradition and judicial cooperation, Human Rights Network International ASBL, Morocco (2007)	
MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES	
Asociación Española de Profesores de Derecho Internacional y Relaciones Internacionales	
Scientific membership (prior to entering the UN): American Society of International Law; European Society of International Law; Société Française pour le droit international; member of the Board of Editors of Revista General de Derecho Europeo and of the Scientific Council of Revue Belge de Droit International; external reviewer of Revue Québécoise de Droit International and of Revista para el Análisis del Derecho.	
AWARDS AND HONOURS	
European Commission grant, EU DG Justice, Director of research on detainees' rights	2014-2016
PhD best thesis in French award "Suzanne Bastid", French Society of International Law, France	2005
PhD Extraordinary award, University Jaume I, Spain	2005
Fulbright grant, Franco-American Commission, USA	2004
Global Crystal Eastman Research Fellow, Hauser Global Law School, New York University, USA	2004
Ministry of Research grant, France	2002
Académie des sciences morales et politiques grant, France	2001
French Government and "La Caixa" Foundation grants, France	1998
PERSONAL INTERESTS	
Literature, Music, Sports	
OTHER RELEVANT FACTS	

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12. SEYE, Abdoulaye (Republic of Senegal)

[Original: French]

Note verbale

The Embassy of Senegal presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute and has the honour to inform it that the Government of Senegal has decided to nominate Mr. Abdoulaye SEYE, currently Senior Trial Lawyer of the International Criminal Court, for the position of judge of said Court, for which elections are scheduled for December 2026 in New York.

The Embassy requests that the Secretariat kindly find attached the duly completed form as well as Mr. Seye's curriculum vitae.

Furthermore, the Embassy emphasizes that this nomination was selected following a national selection process, based on Mr. Seye's high moral and intellectual qualities, integrity, and professional experience within international criminal courts.

Statement of qualifications

The Republic of Senegal nominates Mr Abdoulaye Seye (Mr Seye) for the post of judge at the International Criminal Court (ICC) and will offer him its full support in the elections scheduled for the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute, to be held from 7 to 17 December 2026 in New York.

This statement is hereby submitted in accordance with article 36(4)(a) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), and paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of judges, the Prosecutor and Deputy Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended).

1. Requisite qualities pursuant to article 36(3)(a) of the Rome Statute

Mr Seye has the requisite qualities pursuant to article 36(3)(a) of the Rome Statute.

- He is of recognised high moral character, is known for his impartiality and integrity and is also recognised for his probity and his professional skills and excellence. He has demonstrated the requisite qualities for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Senegal and to perform the duties of a judge at the ICC during a career spanning more than twenty-five years centred on the protection and promotion of human rights, and as a practitioner before the international courts and tribunals.
- He is held in high esteem by his colleagues and peers in the international courts and tribunals and beyond, and also by a number of judges from Senegal and other countries. Important public figures call upon him for advice and contributions and he has an excellent reputation acquired thanks to his personal qualities, his leadership and work ethic, his unfailing devotion to the cause of all the victims of human rights violations and of international crimes, and also as a result of his practical and in-depth knowledge of the case law and workings of the international courts and tribunals, including the ICC.

2. Established competence and practical experience of criminal law and procedure, article 36(3)(a) and (b) of the Rome Statute.

Mr Seye has established competence and a proven track record in the fields of criminal law and procedure before the international courts and tribunals, complex investigations and the prosecution of international crimes, and also the protection and promotion of human rights.

- He has practised before the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR, 2001-2013), the ICC (since 2013) and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT, August 2020-

March 2021) and over the past twenty-five years has developed recognised expertise in terms of the strategies and techniques for investigations, proceedings, trials and appeals before the international courts and tribunals.

- He is currently a Senior Trial Lawyer at the ICC, where over the past thirteen years he has developed and demonstrated in-depth knowledge of the Rome Statute and of the rules of procedure, investigations and challenges to the functioning of the Court.
- He is the Head of the Unified Teams in the situation in the State of Palestine, and has led complex and sensitive investigations successfully and with determination, leading to the issuance of arrest warrants in this situation. He has also taken on responsibilities in other situations, including investigations leading to trials before the ICC, for example in the situation in the Republic of Mali.
- In 2020-2021 he headed the special multi-disciplinary team established by the Prosecutor of the IRMCT, which was responsible for the investigation and proceedings prior to the trial of Félicien Kabuga, the financier and mastermind behind the genocide in Rwanda in 1994.
- He practised at the ICTR for twelve years, where he worked on trials involving the crime of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity (e.g. *Bagosora et al.*, *Semanza*) and on trials involving witness corruption and contempt (e.g. *GAA*, *Nshogoza*). As a Senior Trial Attorney in the Appeals Chamber, he also coordinated and/or managed several cases involving senior political and military figures, including the two generals and Chiefs of Staff of the Rwandan Army and the *Gendarmerie Nationale* (*Ndindiliyimana et al.*), the mayor of the Rwandan capital (*Col. Renzaho*), and also the senior officer responsible for the killing of the queen of the Tutsis (*Capt. Nizeyimana*), for the crimes they committed during the 1994 genocide.
- He is frequently called upon to participate in conferences and he has delivered a number of training courses on the investigation and prosecution of international crimes to judges, prosecutors and criminal police officers in several countries, in Africa in particular. His modules are used by practitioners in those countries and in the context of similar training courses.
- He has extensive experience of high-level meetings at the United Nations, and of cooperation in the field of criminal law as well as agreements with non-governmental organisations/civil society, which are essential for the investigation and prosecution of international crimes.
- He also has experience of the protection and promotion of human rights, specifically as part of United Nations peace-keeping operations and high-level international diplomatic fora, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

3. A selection which takes into account the considerations provided for in article 36 paragraphs 3(c), 5, 7 and 8(a) of the Rome Statute

Mr Seye is nominated under list B and for the Group of African States (article 36, paragraph 5, and paragraph 8(ii)).

- He is male, a Senegalese national and holds no other nationality (article 36, paragraphs 7 and 8(a)(ii) and (iii)).
- He has been practising for over twenty-five years in the hybrid system of the international criminal tribunals and is well versed in the balance to be achieved between the different legal systems to ensure the effectiveness and fairness of proceedings before the ICC (article 36(8)(a)(ii)).

Mr Seye is comfortable working in both French and English – the two working languages of the ICC – and makes oral and written submissions in both those languages (article 36(3)(c)).

4. Specific fields of expertise tested in the context of investigations and trials before the international courts and tribunals, article 36(8)(b).

Mr Seye has proven skills and experience in various fields of criminal law and proceedings, including specific issues (article 36(8)(b)).

- He has extensive practical experience of international criminal law and of international criminal proceedings, as well as of the functioning of the international courts and tribunals, having practised before them without interruption for over twenty-five years, thirteen of those at the ICC.
- He has conducted investigations in highly complex and politically sensitive situations and has been involved in trials and appeals involving the prosecution of several political, military and civilian leaders for crimes of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.
- He has heard dozens of vulnerable witnesses personally, including children and victims of sexual and gender-based violence and other traumatic crimes and violations in several situations. He has acquired experience and has developed and applied strategies and measures in this context to ensure the protection of victims and witnesses. These are a crucial aspect of investigations conducted in high-risk situations and vital to combat the impunity of perpetrators of international crimes.
- He has conducted investigations and/or pleaded in cases involving sexual and gender-based violence, and crimes against or involving children, committed specifically in Rwanda, Mali, and also in Israel and Palestine. He has delivered a number of training sessions on these specific issues in several countries, including “The specific treatment of sexual and gender-based violence in international criminal law” and “The specific treatment of crimes against minors in international criminal law”.
- He has also delivered several other training sessions on topics such as: “War crimes: sources and definitions”; “Challenges during the investigation phase for war crimes”; “Participation approaches in international criminal law”; “The responsibility of the superior (civilian and military)”; and “Documentation, investigations and the standard of proof for international crimes”.
- He has investigated cases involving the intimidation and corruption of witnesses, drafted the indictments pertaining thereto and presented and defended the selected charges at both the trial and appeals stages.

5. Selection and nomination procedure, article 36(4)(a)(ii)

In accordance with the provisions of article 36 of the Rome Statute, nominations for the position of judge at the ICC may be submitted by any State Party “(i) By the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in the State in question; or (ii) By the procedure provided for the nomination of candidates for the International Court of Justice in the Statute of that Court”.

Senegal has selected the first option, whereby Senegalese nominees are appointed to the highest judicial office in Senegal in accordance with the nomination procedure.

To nominate Senegal’s candidate for the elections to be held at the next session of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) in December 2026, the Ministry of Justice issued a public call for applications and established a national committee for candidacies consisting of representatives from the ministries responsible for Foreign Affairs, Justice, the Interior and Universities. The committee received eight applications.

Following a selection procedure, Mr Abdoulaye Seye, Senior Trial Lawyer at the ICC, was selected in view of his high moral character and intellectual capacities, his probity and his professional experience at the international criminal tribunals and courts.

His nomination was then forwarded to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties by the Government of Senegal via our diplomatic representation in The Hague.

6. Undertaking and availability for interview

Mr Seye undertakes to make himself available to the advisory committee on nominations of judges for interview in person, by video-conference or similar means, and also for any public round tables.

Curriculum vitae

[original: English]

FAMILY NAME:	SEYE	
FIRST NAME:	Abdoulaye	
MIDDLE NAME:		
GENDER:	Male	
DATE OF BIRTH:	09 May 1967	
NATIONALITY:	Senegalese	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Africa	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)		
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List B	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: Wolof	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- OTHERS	Portuguese : (written) Basic	(oral) Basic
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i>		
10/1992 - 12/1993 - <i>Institution:</i> University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA)		
10/1991 - 06/1992 - <i>Institution:</i> University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Masters degree (Maîtrise)		
10/1990 - 10/1991 - <i>Institution:</i> University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Licence en droit		
10/1988 - 06/1990 - <i>Institution:</i> University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Diplôme d'Etudes Universitaires Générales (DEUG)		
10/2012 - 10/2012		

- Institution:	Justice Rapid Response & Institute for International Criminal Investigations
- Qualification(s) obtained:	Certification - International Expert
10/2012 - 10/2012	
- Institution:	United Nations Training Programme
- Qualification(s) obtained:	Certificate - Performance Management and Communication in Difficult Situations
05/2011 - 05/2011	
- Institution:	United Nations Training Programme
- Qualification(s) obtained:	Certificate - Management and Supervisory Skills
10/2008 - 11/2008	
- Institution:	United Nations Training Programme
- Qualification(s) obtained:	Certificate - Team Building, Trust & Communication Skills
01/2006 - 01/2006	
- Institution:	ICTR/ICTY/ICC Training Programme
- Qualification(s) obtained:	Certificate Appellate Advocacy
07/2005 - 07/2005	
- Institution:	Ontario Crown Attorney's Association/University of Western Ontario
- Qualification(s) obtained:	Certificate Crown Attorney's Practice Training
07/2005 - 07/2005	
- Institution:	United Nations Training-ICTR
- Qualification(s) obtained:	Certificate Trial Advocacy
01/2005 - 01/2005	
- Institution:	ICTR/ICTY- Sherman & Sterling Training Programme
- Qualification(s) obtained:	Certificate Appellate Advocacy
09/1987 - 06/1988	
- Institution:	Lycée Albert Schweitzer, Le Raincy
- Qualification(s) obtained:	Baccalauréat
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: <i>Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the "+" sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i> <i>- Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate</i>	
02/2022 - Present	
- Employer:	International Criminal Court
- Post title:	Head of Unified Team/Senior Trial Lawyer
- Other information:	Report to the Prosecutor/Deputy Prosecutor Leadership and responsibility in the management and coordination of a Unified Team in charge of the investigation and prosecution related to a Situation country, including leading and managing the Team's investigative strategies and activities. Work closely with the Prosecutor/Deputy Prosecutors and overall OTP Management, and provide strategic advice and positions on legal, evidentiary, managerial, and operational issues pertaining to the investigations, case selection and related litigation. Develop and run an investigative, prosecutorial, and cooperation strategy and plan, ensuring effective investigations, including on SGBC and crimes

	against children, providing direction and guidance, and the high quality of the collection and submissions. Lead sensitive and complex evidence collection in the field, including interviews of high-profile and vulnerable witnesses and victims, as well as insiders in high-risk environment. Manage and supervise the work of members of the Unified Team, define roles and responsibilities within the Team, ensuring an efficient, coherent and fair allocation of tasks to meet the agreed deliverables. Ensure compliance with ICC framework, OTP strategic direction, policies, standard operating procedures and all relevant codes of conduct. Work in close coordination with the heads of other unified teams and colleagues from other sections in the OTP and the Court, as necessary. Lead by example in fostering a positive workplace governance and culture into the functioning of the Team and in the overall administration of the OTP.
08/2020 - 03/2021	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- <i>Post title:</i>	Senior Pre-Trial Attorney/Team Leader
- <i>Other information:</i>	Loan from ICC Senior Pre-Trial Attorney and leader of an integrated team of lawyers, investigators, analysts, interpreters, and other support staff in charge of the Félicien Kabuga's case. Ensured the effective and coordinated review of the voluminous Kabuga case files and relevant ICTR cases against the operative indictment, and identified legal and factual strengths and evidentiary gaps. Prepared and supervised the implementation of investigation, analysis, collection and cooperation plans, with the view to streamlining the Kabuga case and ensuring the timely amendment of the Kabuga indictment, including by including sexual violence crimes. Prepared talking points, designed templates and provided strategic and legal guidance for interviews, to harmonise working methods, i.e. for the taking of statements from suspects and new SGBC victims, the recording of new evidence and other investigative activities. Led the Team engagement with local authorities and other external stakeholders. Prioritized the distribution of the workload based on the urgency of identified lines of inquiry, the deadlines to submit a new amended indictment, and the varying restrictions associated with the COVID pandemic. Supervised the timely and effective completion of all assignments. Briefed the Prosecutor regularly on progress and prospects to reach agreed objectives. Liaised with the Prosecutor and senior colleagues based in The Hague in the handling of specific issues, common projects and Office-wide policies.
11/2013 - 02/2022	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Court
- <i>Post title:</i>	Senior Investigator/Team Leader
- <i>Other information:</i>	Part of the leadership and management of integrated teams of lawyers, investigators and analysts, involved in the design and implementation of the Prosecutor's strategy on preliminary examinations, investigations, and prosecutions in specific situation countries. Leading role in the development and execution of investigation plans, collection plans and analysis plans, as well as legal submission before the court. Led sensitive and complex evidence collection, including interviews of vulnerable witnesses and victims, as well as suspects in high-risk environments. Developed and contributed to the development of case theories and case

	hypotheses based on a professional assessment of available evidence and applicable legal threshold. Drafted, participated in the drafting of, and/or reviewed drafts pertaining to several applications for warrant of arrest, documents containing the charges, and other briefs and prosecution submissions. Involved in the management and functioning of both the investigation and prosecution divisions, including the development and implementation of standard operating procedures (SOP), priorities and strategic objectives. Built strong networks and effective working relationships with stakeholders in situation countries and other relevant countries.
04/2012 - 08/2013	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
- <i>Post title:</i>	Senior Appeals Counsel
- <i>Other information:</i>	Led prosecution teams at oral hearing before the Appeals Chamber in support of the Prosecutor's positions in high level sensitive cases (e.g. in General Ndindiliyimana et al.). Reported to and briefed the Prosecutor and the Director of the Appeals and Legal Advisory Division (ALAD) on progress and prospects for success of cases assigned to me (and the team formed for each such cases). Provided the Prosecutor and teams with authoritative legal and strategic advice and positions on issues of comparative law and jurisprudence. Provided timely legal and strategic advice to (i) the Prosecutor on the advisability of appealing from final judgments and (ii) trial teams regarding interlocutory decisions. Led teams of lawyers in charge of the briefing and litigation of cases under my direct responsibility, to the highest standard of appellate advocacy. Provided guidance in the preparation and submission of appeal readiness reports, the review of decisions, and the identification of potential grounds of appeal. Supervised staff members and led the drafting and timely filing of legal opinions, notice of appeals, requests for certification to appeal, pre-appeal motions, and appeal briefs. Organised and/or participated as faculty member in ALAD in-house trainings and external capacity-building seminars. Handled the briefing of several applications for review.
02/2007 - 03/2012	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
- <i>Post title:</i>	Appeals Counsel
- <i>Other information:</i>	Led and/or coordinated the briefing and litigation of several cases on appeal (e.g. Nahimana et al., Mayor Renzaho, Kanyarukiga, Karera, etc.). Supervised, drafted, and/or participated in the drafting and timely filing of legal opinions, notice of appeals, requests for certification to appeal, pre-appeal motions and appeal briefs. Appeared before the Appeals Chamber and made oral submissions in several cases, to the highest standard of appellate advocacy in support of the Prosecutor's positions. Provided legal advice, prepared documentation, and drafted briefing notes and talking points for the Prosecutor's participation in external meetings and conferences. Member of the Task Force handling the increasing number of contempt cases, conduct investigation and draft indictments against persons suspected of contempt of the Tribunal. Provided competent advice to the Prosecutor on the advisability of investigating and indicting individuals for contempt and false testimony. Drafted indictment and submissions, and participated in the successful litigation of contempt cases (e.g. GAA, Nshogoza). Led the briefing of applications for review.

01/2004 - 02/2007

- *Employer:* International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
- *Post title:* Legal Advisor/Trial lawyer
- *Other information:* Provided competent and timely advice to the Prosecutor on the advisability of appealing against final judgments and interlocutory decisions. Advised trial teams, the Chief ALAD and the Prosecutor, on legal, evidentiary, factual, and strategic matters. Appeared before trial and appeal chambers and make submissions to the highest standard of trial and appellate advocacy, in support of the Prosecutor's positions on appeal against final judgements (e.g. Muhimana, Ndindabahizi), in relation to Rule 115 evidentiary hearings, requests for review under Rule 121, as well as at status conferences before pre-appeal judges. Member of the Task Force dealing with the increasing number of contempt cases. Worked with Special Counsel Loretta Lynch in the investigation and prosecution of attempts to obstruct justice, contempt and false testimony, including by reviewing material, giving instructions to investigators in the field, providing advice on legal, procedural, and tactical matters. Drafted and submitted motions, indictments and briefs as necessary.

09/2001 - 12/2003

- *Employer:* International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
- *Post title:* Case Management/Associate Trial Lawyer
- *Other information:* Conducted the direct and cross-examination of witnesses assigned to me. Ensured a timely and effective witness proofing as second chair. Provided all necessary support and advice to trial teams. Reviewed all submissions and decisions in both French and English and all evidence relevant to the cases. Conducted legal research and provided trial teams with briefing notes, legal analysis and strategic advice, as well as potential exhibits, leads and further lines of inquiry. Drafted and ensured the timely filing of motions, replies and other document necessary for the successful litigation of the cases. Ensured the timely disclosure of evidence as per the prosecution statutory obligations. Reviewed and redacted evidence as necessary, to ensure the protection of witnesses and victims as necessary.

12/2000 - 07/2001

- *Employer:* United Nations Office in Angola (UNOA)
- *Post title:* Human Rights Officer-Reporting
- *Other information:* Designed and managed the HRD reporting system. Drafted weekly and quarterly reports on the activities of the Human Rights Division (HRD) in Angola. Prepared thematic and ad hoc reports for the Chief HRD, the Department for Political Affairs (DPA, New York), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR, Geneva), and for the Trust Funds and auditors, etc. Drafted the human rights section of the UN Resident Coordinator's report. Assisted the Chief HRD in the preparation of the division's budget. Represented UNOA/HRD at meetings, e.g. at the UN Common Country Assessment Working Group (coordinated by UNDP) and the UN inter-Agency Information Working group (coordinated by OCHA), and the Consolidated inter-Agency Appeal (CAP).

07/1998 - 08/1999

- *Employer:* United Nations Office in Angola (UNOA)

- <i>Post title:</i>	Human Rights Officer
- <i>Other information:</i>	Monitored the human rights situations, conducted fact-finding missions, recorded, investigated and reported allegations of human rights violations in Uige province (July to December 1998) and the whole country from Luanda (January to August 1999). Followed-up on activities with local authorities, UN agencies and NGOs, in order to implement and promote human rights law and standards. Responsible for the institution-building programme on national human rights institutions in Uige. Organized and/or participated in workshops on human rights and civic education for i.e. prison guards, police officers, military officers, and civil servants. Monitored arrest and detention, rusga (force recruitment) and negotiated the release of civilian victims based on complaints and information from family members and NGOs in Uige province. Submitted a weekly report and briefing note on the human rights, humanitarian, and political situation in the region(s) assigned to me.
07/1998 - 08/1999	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Agence de Coopération culturelle et technique/Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie
- <i>Post title:</i>	Expert/Consultant
- <i>Other information:</i>	Short-term contracts Expert/Consultant, Délégation Générale à la Coopération Juridique et Judiciaire/OIF, with focus on human rights and legal or judicial matters. Represented the organization at international human rights conferences, in particular sessions of the former United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the former Sub- Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and relevant committees and working groups held in Geneva, Switzerland. Organized and facilitated meetings and discussions among delegates and representatives from member states during international conferences. Drafted legal, thematic and programmatic documents and plans of action in the field of human rights (based for example on the outcome of the World Conference Against Racism and Racial Discrimination). Submitted working papers on, and prepared material for ACCT's training for magistrates and lawyers from member states, democratization process, and organization of elections. Coordinator & Rapporteur for OIF's electoral assistance and observation of elections (e.g. Guinee-Bissau 1999 presidential election). Proposed guidelines and terms of references for OIF/ACCT's missions to assist the organization and monitoring of elections.
07/1990 - 11/1997	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Agence Régionale pour la Valorisation de la Formation et de la Presse/OFUP
- <i>Post title:</i>	Editor and Freelance author
- <i>Other information:</i>	Part-time contracts Set up and managed a database and an observatory of the media and the press in Africa, including with respect to the right to freedom of expression in French-speaking African countries. Selected significant newspapers and magazines and wrote several article and reviews published in the Guide International de la Presse. Reviewed and edited draft articles to be published in the Guide International de la Presse.
07/1990 - 11/1997	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Hachette Filipacchi Presse (HFP)

- <i>Post title:</i> - <i>Other information:</i>	Information Officer (part or full-time contracts) Part-time contracts Press and information officer. Specialist in political and development related issues. Monitored information concerning a selected list of African and European countries. Created and managed computer files and databases for the regions covered and for selected international political figures.
OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: <i>- Please click the "+" sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i>	
MM/YYYY • <i>Activity:</i>	
MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS	
* Modules (distributed) pour la formation des Officiers de Police Judiciaire (OPJ) de la Police et de la Gendarmerie Nationale sur les crimes internationaux, ODH, Académie internationale des principes de Nuremberg, Open Society Initiative (OSF), juillet 2023. * Modules (distributed) pour la formation de magistrats sur les enquêtes et la poursuite des crimes internationaux, ODH, Académie internationale des principes de Nuremberg, 2022. * Course material - Institute for International Criminal Investigations' Training Programme on "International Humanitarian Law", March 2007. * Guide International de la Presse, ALPHOM, Paris, 1990-1997 (articles/reviews)	
MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS	
* Séminaire de formation de magistrats et des Officiers de Police Judiciaire (OPJ) de la Police et de la Gendarmerie Nationale sur les crimes internationaux, ODH, Académie internationale des principes de Nuremberg, Open Society Initiative (OSF), 17 au 21 juillet 2023. * Séminaire sous-régional francophone à l'intention de magistrats sur le droit international humanitaire, la répression des crimes de guerre et des actes terroristes, CICR, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 24-27 October 2022. * Séminaire de formation de magistrats aux crimes internationaux, 24-28 mai 2022, Yamoussoukro, ODH Nuremberg Academy. * Atelier de formation des magistrats aux crimes internationaux, 18-22 mai 2021, Grand Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire. * Atelier de Formation de magistrats de pays africains, Arusha, Tanzania, 24-28 février 2020. * Conference on Africa and the ICC - 10 Years On, March 2013. * AIDS 98, GENEVA 06-07/98 : Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Rights of Migrants Facing HIV/AIDS.	
MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES	
* Former member and/or collaborator and/or legal advisor of e.g.,: * International Association Against Torture (IAAT, New York) * Migrants Against HIV/AIDS (MAHA, Paris) * Commission africaine des promoteurs de la santé et des droits de l'homme/African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters (CAPSDH, Geneva). * Lift Every Voice, INC. (LEV. I, Los Angeles, 1997).	
AWARDS AND HONOURS	
PERSONAL INTERESTS	
* Comparative history of religions	

* Travel and discovery of cultural diversity and wealth * Art
OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

13. WRIGHT, Veronic (The Gambia)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Gambians Abroad of the Republic of The Gambia presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to refer to the note verbale of the Secretariat requesting nominations for the election of judges of the International Criminal Court.

The Ministry further has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the Government of the republic of The Gambia hereby nominates Justice Veronic Wright, Judge of the Court of Appeal of The Gambia, as its candidate for election as a Judge of the International Criminal Court.

The nomination of Justice Wright is made in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4(a)(i) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, following the procedure for the nomination of candidates to the highest judicial offices in The Gambia. The Government of The Gambia confirms that Justice Wright possesses the high moral character, impartiality and integrity required, and fulfils all the qualifications prescribed under article 36 of the Rome Statute.

Justice Wright is nominated under list A, with established competence in criminal law and procedure, as required under article 36, paragraph 3(b)(i). She also possesses extensive experience in both national and international criminal justice, including service in senior legal positions within the United Nations system.

The Ministry further has the honour to confirm that Justice Wright is a national of The Gambia, fluent in English with a working knowledge of French, and fully committed to serving the Court on a full-time basis if elected.

Statement of qualifications

Statement of qualifications submitted in accordance with article 36 paragraph 6 of the Statute of the International Criminal Court and paragraph 6 of the resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6 of the on the nomination and election of judges of the Court (as amended).

The Republic of The Gambia presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of State Parties of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to present the following Statement of qualifications of the Honourable Justice Veronic Wright, Judge of Court of Appeal of The Gambia, presented as candidate for election as judge of the International Criminal Court.

Compliance with article 36 paragraph 4 (a) (i)

In nominating Justice Wright as candidate for the position of judge of the ICC, The Gambia followed the procedure for appointment to the highest judicial offices. Upon receiving notification of ICC ASP Secretariat seeking nominations from State Parties, the Chief Justice of The Gambia through the Secretary of the Judicial Service Commission sent out a call for expression of interest to all judges and legal practitioners. Six Candidates expressed their interest and submitted their curriculum vitae to the Judicial Secretary and Secretary to the Judicial Service Commission. All six of them were subjected to an interview by the Judicial Service Commission. Justice Wright emerged as the most suitable candidate, and she was therefore recommended for nomination as The Gambia's candidate for the position of judge of the ICC. She was informed of this recommendation and she duly accepted it.

The recommendation was forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Gambians Abroad for onward transmission via diplomatic channels.

Compliance with article 36 paragraph 3 (a)

Justice Wright is a distinguished lawyer of more than 35 years of legal experience at the national and international field. She is of high moral character, impartiality and integrity who also possesses the qualifications, experience, and character required for appointment to the highest judicial offices in The Gambia. She is currently servicing as a Judge of the Court of Appeal and sits as an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court on an ad-hoc basis.

Competence under article 36 paragraph 3 (b) (i)

Justice Wright has an established competence in criminal law and procedure.

Her professional experience spans the investigation and prosecution of both national and international crimes, organised crime and drug trafficking, crime prevention, and criminal justice administration, as well as the adjudication of criminal matters at the appellate level.

She began her career as a State Prosecutor in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions at the Ministry of Justice of The Gambia, rising to the rank of Principal State Counsel progressively handling serious criminal matters. Her subsequent service as Legal Adviser in the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat involved extensive work on international cooperation in criminal matters and the provision of technical assistance to national criminal justice institutions across the Commonwealth.

At the United Nations, she held a range of senior legal positions, including:

1. Trial Attorney at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda,
2. Senior Analyst with the International Commission of Inquiry into the Assassination of Benazir Bhutto,
3. Senior Legal Adviser at the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC),
4. Head of the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Residual Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT–Arusha),
5. Senior Legal Adviser for Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes and Crimes Against Children at the UN Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ISIL (UNITAD) and
6. Senior Programme Officer and Head of the Human Rights and Gender Section at the UN Office on Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT).

At the ICTR, she was involved in the prosecution of four accused persons (*Prosecutor v. Simon Bikindi*, *Prosecutor v. Calixte Kalimazira*, *Prosecutor v. Emmanuel Rukundo* and *Prosecutor v. Augustin Ngirabatware*). As Head of the Office of the Prosecutor, Arusha Branch of the IRMCT, Judge Wright oversaw the start of the review of the case of *Augustin Ngirabatware* and the commencement of a case of contempt of the Tribunal in the *Prosecutor v. Maximilien Turinabo and Others*.

Compliance with article 36 paragraph 3 (c)

Justice Wright is fluent in English and has a very good working knowledge of French.

Compliance under article 36 paragraph 5

The Gambia nominates Hon. Justice Wright as a candidate for election to list A under article 36 paragraph 5 of the Rome Statute.

Information required under article 36 paragraph 7

Justice Wright is a national of The Gambia. She holds no other nationality.

Information required under article 36 paragraph 8(a)(i)-(iii)

Justice Wright comes from the Common Law legal system, is an African and a female candidate.

Compliance with article 36 paragraph 8(b)

Justice Wright possess expertise in sexual and gender-based crimes and crimes against children. She has investigated and prosecuted such crimes at home and internationally, determined such cases as an appellate judge, and trained national and international actors in these thematic areas. She has also managed programmes and provided policy advice on them.

Justice Wright also has legal expertise in other specific issues including human rights, international cooperation in criminal matters, transnational organised crime and terrorism.

Commitment to serve the Court full-time

Justice Wright is committed to be available to take up full-time service at the Court.

Acknowledgement by senior judicial officer

The Honourable Hassan Bubacar Jallow, Chief Justice of The Republic of The Gambia and Chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission, the authority that oversaw the nomination process, acknowledges the information provided above.

Curriculum vitae

Family Name:	WRIGHT	
FIRST NAME:	Veronic	
MIDDLE NAME:		
GENDER:	Female	
DATE OF BIRTH:	08 October 1966	
NATIONALITY:	Gambia	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Africa	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)		
MARITAL STATUS:	Single	
LIST A/LIST B	List A	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: Krio	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Intermediate	(oral) Intermediate
- OTHERS	Wolof : (written) Intermediate	(oral) Advanced
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the "+" sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i>		
09/1997 - 09/10/1998		

- <i>Institution:</i>	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, United Kingdom
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Master of Laws - (LL.M.)
03/1993 - 06/1993	
- <i>Institution:</i>	European University Centre for Peace Studies, Stadtschlaining, Austria
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Certificate in Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies
09/1989 - 10/1990	
- <i>Institution:</i>	Nigerian Law School, Lagos, Nigeria
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Barrister-at-Law (B.L.)
10/1985 - 07/1989	
- <i>Institution:</i>	Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, Freetown, Sierra Leone
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)
08/1983 - 06/1985	
- <i>Institution:</i>	Saint Augustine's High School, Banjul The Gambia
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	GCSE Advanced Level
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: <i>Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please click the “+” sign in the bottom right corner to add more entries</i> <i>- Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate</i>	
03/2023 - Present	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Judiciary of The Gambia
- <i>Post title:</i>	Justice of Appeal, Court of Appeal of The Gambia
- <i>Other information:</i>	My main responsibility is to hear and determine criminal and civil cases on appeal from the High Court, as a member of a panel of three judges. In this capacity, I review lower court's case records and legal briefs by lawyers, conduct legal research and write rulings and judgements to resolve cases on appeal. At times, I sit as a single judge to determine urgent interlocutory matters. Occasionally, I sit on the Supreme Court as Acting Judge. I am the Judiciary's representative on matters related to Transitional Justice and international criminal justice and a member of The Gambia-ECOWAS Joint Technical Committee on the Establishment of a Hybrid Court for The Gambia. In this capacity, I headed the sub-committee which drafted of the Statue of the Special Tribunal for The Gambia and worked closely with the experts from ECOWAS Commission and The Gambia, on drafting of the ECOWAS Decision that established the Special Tribunal. This Tribunal will try gross violations of human rights amounting to crimes against humanity committed in The Gambia between 1994 and January July 2017. I also carry out ad hoc tasks assigned by the Chief Justice to support the administration of the Judiciary, including the development of Human Resources Management documents and review of the Judiciary's Strategic Plan and I am the Chairperson of a Committee set up for that purpose. I am a member of the High Court Supervision and Monitoring Committee. I Chair a Committee for the Establishment of a Special Court for Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes in the Gambia. I support continuous training of judges and magistrates in areas of my expertise. This experience shows that I have established competence as a judge applying criminal law and procedure. It also demonstrates expertise in the field of international criminal law and procedure evidenced by the central role I played in the creation of the legal instruments for the Special Tribunal

	for The Gambia which will try serious violations of human rights amounting to crimes against humanity.
10/2020 - 02/2023	
- <i>Employer:</i>	United Nations Office of Counter Terrorism (UNOCT), New York, USA
- <i>Post title:</i>	Senior Programme Management Officer and Head of the Human Rights and Gender Section
- <i>Other information:</i>	UNOCT coordinates all the UN's counter-terrorism efforts and supports the implementation of the UN Global Counter Terrorism Strategy by Member States and organisations. Initially, I was Head of the Pillar on Human Rights and Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism in which capacity I managed UNOCT's Human Rights Programme, Gender Programme, Victims of Terrorism Programme, the Prosecution, Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programme and the Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism (PCVE) Programme. When Member States required more focus on the Human Rights and Gender in Counter-Terrorism, a special Section was created to manage the expanded Human Right and Gender Programmes and I became the Head of that Section. In this capacity, I oversaw the mainstreaming of Human Rights and Gender across all UNOCT mandated work. I liaised closely with other UN agencies working on counter-terrorism, including the OHCHR, the Special Rapporteur for Human Rights in Counter-Terrorism as well as governments and other partners. As a member of the Organisation's senior management team, I supported the Under Secretary General in the management of the Office. This experience is relevant to List B to the extent that my work involved the application of human rights law and humanitarian law in the context of counter-terrorism, the mainstreaming of gender considerations in laws, policies and actions against terrorism as well as the support for victims of terrorism.
10/2019 - 10/2020	
- <i>Employer:</i>	United Nations Investigative Team to promote Accountability for crimes committed by Daesh/ISIS, Baghdad, Iraq
- <i>Post title:</i>	Senior Legal Officer and Head of the Sexual and Gender Based Crimes and Crimes against Children Unit
- <i>Other information:</i>	The mandate of UNITAD was to investigate and document the crimes of ISIS/Da'esh committed in the territory of Iraq during the period of its "Caliphate". My responsibility was to lead investigations into sexual and gender-based crimes and crimes against children committed by ISIS/Da'esh with a view to building cases against perpetrators including senior members of ISIS/Da'esh and collaborating with countries who instituted criminal prosecutions against ISIS/Da'esh members. I interviewed witnesses and survivors, reviewed and analyzed studies, reports and other information on the ideology and activities of ISIS/Da'esh. I also provided legal and policy advice and support to the various investigation teams within UNITAD on mainstreaming the investigation and documentation of sexual and gender-based violence and crimes against children in their work. As such, I provided advice on international standards and best practices regarding the investigation of sexual and gender-based crimes, as well as crimes against children, and contributed to the continued evolution of the same. Supported by a team of colleagues, I wrote the Policy on Gender Parity for UNITAD in implementation of the UN-wide Gender Parity Policy and supported gender parity in recruitment and promotion of staff. I also facilitated the provision of training and other capacity-building initiatives for national officials. As part of the senior management of UNITAD, I contributed to the management of the Team, including recruitment of staff, workload management and mentoring.

	This experience evidences competence in investigation of serious international crimes, particularly sexual and gender-based crimes and crimes against children in the context of the mass violence and building case files for possible future trials of perpetrators. It is relevant to List A.
01/2019 - 10/2019	
- <i>Employer:</i>	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Senior Regional Legal Adviser, UNODC Regional Office for West and Central Africa
- <i>Other information:</i>	I managed the Justice Programme for UNODC in West and Central Africa, supporting the delivery of technical assistance across the criminal justice chain including the training of investigators, prosecutors, magistrates, judges and prison officers. My work held a particular bias for strengthening international cooperation in criminal matters for more effective investigation, prosecution and adjudication of serious crime among countries in West and Central Africa. I was also the Coordinator of the West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors (WACAP) whose primary objective was the strengthening of prosecutorial and judicial cooperation to investigate, prosecute and adjudicate serious crime in West Africa and beyond. In this capacity, I worked closely with other judicial networks such as EUROJUST. I also supported the development of national policies and legislation in the field of criminal law in countries within the sub-region. This experience illustrates established competence in criminal law and procedure in my capacity as legal adviser and trainer for prosecutors and judicial officials in that field and is relevant to List A.
09/2017 - 12/2018	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT), Arusha, Tanzania
- <i>Post title:</i>	Senior Legal Officer and Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Prosecutor
- <i>Other information:</i>	In addition to prosecuting cases before the Mechanism, my work also included the referral of cases to national jurisdictions, the initiation of contempt proceedings, responding to applications for review of judgements by convicted persons and requests for early release filed by convicted persons. Under my tenure, we reviewed the case of The Prosecutor v. Augustin Ndirabatswe and initiated contempt proceedings against Maximilian Turnabo et al. who were causing prosecution witnesses to try to change their trial testimony given at the ICTR trial of Augustin Ndirabatswe. I provided assistance to several national jurisdictions requiring information and evidence to prosecute persons accused of crimes related to the Rwanda genocide of the Tutsi. I also had primary responsibility for effective functioning of the Arusha Branch of the Office of the Prosecutor, including the supervision of staff and assuring the quality of the legal filings emanating from the Office of the Prosecutor. This experience evidences established competence in international criminal law and procedure as a prosecutor and is relevant to List A.
08/2013 - 08/2017	
- <i>Employer:</i>	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Regional Office for West and Central Africa, Dakar, Senegal
- <i>Post title:</i>	Senior Regional Legal Adviser and Head of the Justice Section
- <i>Other information:</i>	As Senior Regional Legal Adviser and Head of the Justice and Integrity Section, I provided legal advisory services and technical assistance to 23 countries in West and Central Africa in all areas related to UNODC's mandate, including legal reform, strengthening of rule of law and respect for human rights, access to justice, prison reform and related issues in crime

prevention and criminal justice. I was responsible for ensuring efficient programme delivery in the Section and preparation of the programmatic and financial reports of the Section's activities. As Coordinator of the West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors (WACAP), I provided technical direction to support efficient and effective judicial cooperation in criminal matters among West African countries. This included training of prosecutors, magistrates and judges on international cooperation in criminal matters. I collaborated with ECOWAS and ECCAS Commissions, the AU and other relevant regional entities, built partnerships and liaised with counterparts, within and outside of the UN, to increase cooperation in the fight against organized crime and terrorism in West and Central Africa.

This experience shows established competence in criminal law and procedure through training of prosecutors, judges, magistrates, investigators and competent authorities on international cooperation in criminal matters. It is relevant to List A.

08/2011 - 07/2013

- *Employer:* United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna, Austria
- *Post title:* Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Organised Crime Branch, Division for Treaty Affairs
- *Other information:* I supported the work of the Conference of the Parties to the Organized Crime Convention (UNTOC-COP) and its Working Groups and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), its preparatory meetings and sessions, including the Expert Working Group on International Cooperation in Criminal Matters. I wrote conference papers, agenda and notes, reports and draft resolutions. I also worked with States Parties to implement the UNTOC through technical assistance such as training, preparation of analytical reports and Guidelines, production of handbooks, manuals and other practical tools such as online libraries, like UNODC's SHERLOC Portal. I collaborated with experts, to produce the UN Guidelines of Trafficking in Cultural Property.

This experience demonstrates established competence in the area of international criminal law and procedure, particularly, organised crime and crime prevention and criminal justice, through service to States and supporting strengthened capacity of prosecutors, judges and advocates in this area. It is of relevance to List A.

07/2010 - 07/2011

- *Employer:* United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), Arusha Tanzania
- *Post title:* Appeals Counsel, Office of the Prosecutor
- *Other information:* I worked as part of a team of Appeals Counsel to prepare and draft appeal briefs for and on behalf of the Prosecutor. This included the review of ICTR and other Judgments. During this time, I also successfully prosecuted (as part of a trial team) Agustin Ngirabatware, one of the persons accused of Genocide and crimes against humanity. I supervised and mentored junior lawyers and interns and assisted in the management of the trial team.

08/2008 - 06/2009

- *Employer:* UN Department of Political Affairs, UN Secretariat, New York, USA
- *Post title:* Senior Analyst, International Commission of Inquiry into the death of Benazir Bhutto, Former Prime Minister of Pakistan (The Bhutto Commission)
- *Other information:* On Secondment from the ICTR to the Department of Political Affairs, I joined the technical staff of the Commission to support the fact-finding mission into the assassination of Ms. Bhutto. In this capacity I carried out investigations in Pakistan and other countries. I interviewed witnesses,

	visited sites relevant to the investigations, met with previous investigators into the incident and reviewed earlier reports on the assassination. I assisted the Commissioners on relevant aspects of the inquiry and made recommendations on next steps. I contributed substantially to writing the final Report of the International Commission of Inquiry into the Assassination of Former Prime Minister of Pakistan, Ms. Benazir Bhutto, that was submitted to the UN Secretary General. This experience testifies to my competence in investigations of serious crime, analysis of complex information writing detailed reports including drawing conclusions and making recommendations and is relevant to List A.
05/2005 - 07/2009	
- <i>Employer:</i>	United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), Arusha, Tanzania
- <i>Post title:</i>	Trial Attorney, Office of the Prosecutor
- <i>Other information:</i>	As Trial Attorney, I prosecuted persons accused before the Tribunal, for genocide and crimes against humanity. I wrote briefs and legal opinions on legal topics relevant to the work of the Tribunal, conducted, directed and supervised further investigations as necessary, and managed the trial team in the absence of the Senior Trial Attorney. I also mentored junior colleagues and interns. As a member of a trial team, I was involved in the successful prosecution of 3 persons accused of crimes of genocide and crimes against humanity - namely Simon Bikindi, Calixte Kalimanzira and Emmanuel Rukundo. I was the team lead in the case of Emmanuel Rukundo. One of the Counts for which he was charged was sexual assault as a crime of genocide. This experience demonstrates established competence in the prosecution of the serious international crimes of Genocide and crimes against humanity and is relevant to List A.
02/1999 - 05/2005	
- <i>Employer:</i>	The Commonwealth Secretariat, London, United Kingdom
- <i>Post title:</i>	Chief Programme Officer and Legal Adviser, Legal and Constitutional Affairs Division
- <i>Other information:</i>	I provided legal policy advise and technical assistance to Commonwealth countries on a variety of legal issues, facilitated interaction and networking among law officers throughout the Commonwealth through information sharing and organized meetings and conferences. In servicing Commonwealth Law Ministers' Meetings and Senior Law Officials Meetings, I wrote papers, made presentations and presented reports on the Secretariat's mandated activities. I was responsible for the publication of two quarterly Newsletters on current criminal law matters, namely, CRIMENEWS and Commonwealth Legal Assistance News (CLAN). I was also in charge of keeping updated, various databases of international legal instruments and Commonwealth countries' legislation as a part of a reference legal library for member countries. I organised and managed (individually and collectively), major conferences and training programmes, including the Commonwealth Judicial Colloquium on Integrity and Ethics (Cyprus, June 2002). I also provided professional legal advice to the Secretary General and management on staff and human resources matters and the Contracts Review Board's Appraisal and Grievance Panels and represented the Secretariat before the Commonwealth Arbitral Tribunal. This experience shows competence in the provision of legal advice in international criminal law and procedure and is relevant to List A.
10/1996 - 02/1999	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Attorney General's Chambers and Ministry of Justice, Banjul The Gambia
- <i>Post title:</i>	Principal State Counsel

-	<i>Other information:</i>	As Principal State Counsel in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), I prosecuted serious crimes at the High Court and argued appeals before the Appeals Court and provided advice on all types of criminal matters to the Director of Public Prosecution and the Attorney General. I also regularly provided legal advice to the National Environment Agency. I supervised junior counsel and administrative staff and represented the government at international meetings and conferences. I started as a junior lawyer fresh out of Law School and worked my way up the hierarchy, progressively handling complex cases mainly in criminal prosecutions. This experience supports my competence for List A.
10/1993 - 10/1996		
-	<i>Employer:</i>	Attorney General's Chambers and Ministry of Justice, Banjul, The Gambia
-	<i>Post title:</i>	Senior State Counsel, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
-	<i>Other information:</i>	As Senior State Counsel, I wrote legal opinions, conducted criminal prosecutions and appeals. I also provided legal advice to the government on a range of issues including criminal matters and civil claims. I also carried out the functions of desk officer for environmental law in the Ministry of Justice and worked in the Office the Curator of Intestates Estates for a year. During this time, between 1993 to 1995, in addition to my regular duties, I worked as legal counsel before a commission of inquiry investigating allegations of corruption at the national farmers' co-operative. This experience is predominantly prosecutorial and therefore relevant to List A.
02/1991 - 09/1993		
-	<i>Employer:</i>	Attorney General's Chambers and Ministry of Justice, Banjul, The Gambia
-	<i>Post title:</i>	State Counsel Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
-	<i>Other information:</i>	I conducted criminal prosecutions and appeals on a variety of cases. I assisted the Director of Public Prosecutions to prepare for major criminal cases by carrying out legal research, preparing witnesses for trial, taking notes at trial and drafting summaries of evidence. I also supported other senior lawyers to prosecute complex criminal cases and provided legal advice on a range of other issues including Intellectual Property and human rights. This experience is predominantly prosecutorial and therefore relevant to List A.
OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:		
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11/2025		
•	<i>Activity:</i>	Study visit to the ICC, The Netherlands Prosecutor's Office, The Genocide Prosecutor's Network Meeting and The Paris Court of Appeal, France, as part of a team of experts from West Africa (Senegal, Guinea and The Gambia), organised by the Genocide Prosecution Network of the EUROJUST.
10/2025 - Present		
•	<i>Activity:</i>	Chairperson of a Committee for the Establishment of a Sexual and Gender-based Crimes Court for The Gambia, October 2025-present.
02/2024		
•	<i>Activity:</i>	Member of The Gambia-ECOWAS Joint Technical Committee on the Establishment of an International Court for the Prosecution of Perpetrators of Gross Human Rights Violations committed in The Gambia between July 1994 and January 2017.
02/2024		

• <i>Activity:</i> Chairperson of The Gambia-ECOWAS sub-committee on the Drafting of the Statute of the Special Tribunal for The Gambia to try perpetrators of gross violations of human rights committed in the Gambia between July 1994 and January 2017.
09/2022
• <i>Activity:</i> Participant and Contributor to the High-level colloquium of legal experts and other stakeholders to critically look at the modalities required to establish a hybrid court in The Gambia to prosecute those named by the TRRC and the Government White Paper for international crimes – convened by The Gambia Bar Association and American Bar Association.
MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS
"The Right of the Gambian Child to a Clean Environment" Chapter Contribution to The Right of the Child to a Clean Environment - Edited by Agatha Fijalkowski & Malgosia Fitzmaurice, Published in 2000 by Taylor and Francis
MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS
"The Constitution Hill Principles for appointments to the Apex Court and it's relevance to the Gambian context." - Paper delivered at the Conference of Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association, held in Banjul, The Gambia (September 2025)
"Prosecuting international gender crimes: Investigations - cooperation, stakes, good practices". Presentation at a Regional Symposium on Investigating and Prosecuting International Gender Crimes, organized by the Embassy of France at the Judicial Institute of Senegal, Dakar, Senegal. (March 2025)
"Gender considerations in the provision of protective services for Victims and Witnesses" – Presentation to a Training on Victim and Witness Protection jointly organized by the American Bar Association, The Gambia National Human Rights Commission, the International Centre for Transitional Justice and The Gambia Ministry of Interior, Banjul, The Gambia. (November 2024)
"Accountability for past human rights abuses: Challenges and Opportunities for implementation of the TRRC recommendations. Perspectives from the Judiciary." – Presentation at a Stakeholder Conference on the Implementation of the TRRC Recommendations, Banjul, The Gambia. (September 2024)
"Reflections on The Gambia Model of Special Accountability Mechanism": Shared at a Forum of Stakeholders on The Gambia Post-TRRC, Banjul, The Gambia. (November 2023)
"Trying SGBV cases - Challenges and best practices." Paper presented to a SGBV Training for Investigators, Prosecutors and other Criminal Justice Actors, Banjul, The Gambia. (August 2023)
"Adjudicating Sexual and Gender-based Crimes as gross violations of human rights amounting to Crimes against Humanity in the context of the Gambia's TRRC findings." – Paper presented at a Judicial Colloquium, Banjul, The Gambia (September 2021)
MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES
The Gambia Judges Association
Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association (CMJA)
AWARDS AND HONOURS
PERSONAL INTERESTS
Teaching, reading, travelling and cooking.
OTHER RELEVANT FACTS
In November 2020, I delivered a talk to Students at the Canterbury Christ Church University as part of the University's Interdisciplinary Research and Criminal Justice Lecture Series, sharing my experiences as an international criminal lawyer.

14. YAMAUCHI, Yoshimitsu (Japan)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of Japan in the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and with reference to the latter's note ICCASP/25/SP/01/Corr.2 dated 16 December 2025, has the honour to inform that the Government of Japan has decided to nominate Mr. YAMAUCHI Yoshimitsu, Director of the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) and Ambassador for International Judicial Cooperation, as a candidate for judge of the International Criminal Court for the term 2027 to 2036, at the elections to be held during the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties scheduled for 7 to 17 December 2026.

Mr. Yamauchi is a candidate on the List A for the purpose of article 36, paragraph 5 of the Rome Statute and is being nominated following the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Japan.

The statement of qualifications prepared in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4(a), of the Rome Statute and the curriculum vitae of Mr. Yamauchi are attached herewith.

Statement of qualifications

Statement prepared in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of Judges of the ICC (ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended)

(a) Specification in the necessary detail how the candidate fulfils each of the requirements in article 36, paragraph 3(a), (b) and (c), of the Statute, in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4(a), of the Statute

Mr. YAMAUCHI Yoshimitsu, the Japanese candidate for judge of the ICC, is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity who possesses the qualifications required in Japan for appointment to the highest judicial offices.

Mr. Yamauchi has had a distinguished career spanning over three decades in criminal justice and international legal cooperation. He is a highly prominent public prosecutor with exceptional competence in criminal law, international criminal law, and transnational crime. In his extensive career, he has served in various Public Prosecutors Offices in Japan, including as Chief Prosecutor of the Asahikawa District Prosecutors Office and as a prosecutor at the Supreme Public Prosecutors Office, dealing with a wide array of criminal cases through investigation, prosecution, trial, and appeal, and providing guidance on complex legal matters.

Furthermore, Mr. Yamauchi has played a pivotal role in promoting international judicial cooperation. He served as Assistant Vice-Minister of Justice for International Affairs and Human Rights, leading initiatives to promote the rule of law and human rights globally and overseeing major international conferences. As Director of the International Affairs Division, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice, he functioned as Japan's central authority for various international mutual legal assistance and extradition matters, and represented Japan in numerous international negotiations on criminal matters. Currently, as Director of the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) and Ambassador for International Judicial Cooperation, he leads global capacity-building and collaboration efforts in criminal justice.

Mr. Yamauchi has excellent command of English.

(b) Indication whether the candidate is being nominated for inclusion in list A or list B for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 5, of the Statute

Mr. Yamauchi is nominated as the Japanese candidate for judge of the ICC for inclusion in **List A** for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute.

As a highly competent public prosecutor and international legal expert, Mr. Yamauchi has dealt with a wide range of complex criminal cases, including economic and financial crimes, corruption, cybercrime, violent crime, and organized crime. In his senior positions at the Supreme Public Prosecutors Office and as Chief Prosecutor, he acquired extensive competence in criminal law and procedure, and in managing complex criminal proceedings.

He has spearheaded mutual legal assistance and extradition cases across multiple continents, including complex money laundering and foreign bribery investigations. He has directly represented Japan in negotiations of major international treaties such as the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), and in numerous high-level international forums, including the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), OECD Working Group on Bribery, and FATF. His leadership at UNAFEI further involves leading capacity-building projects for criminal justice systems worldwide, facilitating international cooperation, and contributing to the global fight against impunity for serious crimes.

Though he is a List A candidate, he possesses extensive experience in List B issues, gained notably during his tenure as Assistant Vice-Minister of Justice for International Affairs and Human Rights. This position involved responsibilities such as investigation and remedy procedures for human rights violation cases, human rights consultation services, and human rights awareness-raising initiatives.

(c) Information relating to article 36, paragraph 8(a)(i) to (iii), of the Statute

The information relating to article 36, paragraph 8 (a), of the Rome Statute is as follows:

- (i) Mr. Yamauchi is qualified for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Japan, whose legal system mainly consists of continental law but also has some elements of common law;
- (ii) Mr. Yamauchi is a national of Japan, a member of the Asia-Pacific region; and
- (iii) Mr. Yamauchi is male.

(d) Indication whether the candidate has any expertise under article 36, paragraph 8(b), of the Statute

Mr. Yamauchi possesses significant legal expertise on specific issues. Mr. Yamauchi has investigated, prosecuted and conducted trial of numerous cases concerning sexual and gender-based crimes against women and children. In his capacity as Director of UNAFEI, he has been in charge of organizing various international training seminars focusing on topics such as youth involved in terrorism, human trafficking, and treatment of offenders that require special consideration including gender-related issues. He has also supervised UNAFEI's work in providing technical assistance to the Kenyan correctional service authorities to implement community-based treatment for young offenders and juvenile delinquents by building capacity of probation officers as well as community probation volunteers.

(e) Indication under which nationality the candidate is being nominated for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 7, of the Statute

Mr. Yamauchi is a national of Japan and does not possess the nationality of any other State.

(f) Indication whether the nomination is made under article 36, paragraph 4(a)(i) or paragraph 4(a)(ii), and specifying in the necessary detail the elements of the procedure leading to the nomination

Following a rigorous assessment by the competent departments of both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice, he has been selected from among state officials who possess the qualifications stipulated in article 36, paragraph 3(a), (b), and (c). His nomination as the Japanese candidate for judge of the ICC was endorsed by the Cabinet meeting of Japan, following the procedure stipulated in article 36, paragraph 4(a)(i) of the Rome Statute.

(g) Acknowledgement of information provided under sub-paragraph (a) by a senior member of the national-level judiciary or the authority of the Nominating State overseeing the nomination process

Accordingly, his nomination is formally endorsed by the Nominating State through its relevant authorities, including the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

(h) The commitment of the candidate to be available to take up full-time service when the Court's workload so requires

Mr. Yamauchi is committed to take up full-time service when the Court's workload so requires.

Curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	YAMAUCHI	
FIRST NAME:	Yoshimitsu	
MIDDLE NAME:	-	
GENDER:	Male	
DATE OF BIRTH:	12 January 1966	
NATIONALITY:	Japanese	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Asia/Pacific	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)		
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List A	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: Japanese	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written)	(oral)
- OTHERS	Spanish : (written) Basic	(oral) Basic
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent) - Please copy/paste if more entries are needed		
04/1984 – 03/1988 - Institution: Sophia University, Japan - Qualification(s) obtained: Bachelor of Arts in Law		
04/1993 – 03/1995 - Institution: Legal Training and Research Institute of Japan - Qualification(s) obtained: Bar qualification		
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent) - Please copy/paste if more entries are needed - Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate		
08/2025 – Present - Employer: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan		

- <i>Post title:</i>	Ambassador for International Judicial Cooperation
- <i>Other information:</i>	In charge of promoting international cooperation in the field of justice.
07/2026 – Present	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Supreme Public Prosecutors Offices, Japan
- <i>Post title:</i>	Prosecutor
- <i>Other information:</i>	Provides advice and instructions to General/Special investigation department of District/High Public Prosecutors Offices nationwide on any crime investigations.
12/2023 – 06/2026	
- <i>Employer:</i>	United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Director
- <i>Other information:</i>	Served as the head of UNAFEI which focuses on capacity-building and research initiatives for criminal justice practitioners of Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East and Europe, aimed at strengthening fair, effective, and accountable criminal justice systems worldwide through organizing various international training seminars.
06/2022 – 12/2023	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Asahikawa District Prosecutors Office
- <i>Post title:</i>	Chief Prosecutor, Head of Asahikawa District Prosecutors Office
- <i>Other information:</i>	Led the investigations and trials within its jurisdiction. Instructed dispositions of approximately 2,000 cases per year by providing instruction and guidance to more than 80 staff prosecutors and assistants in the office.
09/2021 – 06/2022	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Supreme Public Prosecutors Office
- <i>Post title:</i>	Prosecutor
- <i>Other information:</i>	Handled appellate cases at the Supreme Court including cybercrime, indecent assault and drug crime. Advised district prosecutors on handling complex and difficult lay judge cases. Instructed Public Security Divisions of the Prosecutors' Offices nationwide on strengthening investigative efforts to combat money laundering. Provided advice and guidance to district prosecutors in charge of organized crime investigations.
02/2018 – 09/2021	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Ministry of Justice, Japan
- <i>Post title:</i>	Assistant Vice-Minister of Justice for International Affairs and Human Rights
- <i>Other information:</i>	Responsible for international activities under the Ministry of Justice of Japan (MOJ), especially advancing Justice Affairs Diplomacy—a policy promoting values such as the rule of law and respect for fundamental human rights within the international community—and successfully prepared and hosted the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the largest international conference in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, in Kyoto, Japan and brought together more than 5,000 participants from around the world. Also responsible for investigation and remedy procedures for human rights violation cases, human rights consultation services and human rights awareness-raising initiatives led by the Human Rights Bureau of the MOJ.

10/2015 – 02/2018

- *Employer:* International Affairs Division, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice
- *Post title:* Director
- *Other information:* Responsible for the work of the International Affairs Division, which serves as the central authority for various Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLATs) as well as the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).
In charge of overseeing the handling of MLA and extradition requests as well as representing Japan at international negotiations and conferences in criminal matters such as the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), OECD Working Group on Bribery, FATF, and G7 Roma -Lyon Group.

01/2014 – 10/2015

- *Employer:* Special Investigation Department, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office
- *Post title:* Prosecutor
- *Other information:* As a lead prosecutor for economic cases of the Special Investigation Department which specializes in independent investigations of high-profile economic cases, led the investigation and prosecuted various financial cases including foreign bribery committed by a Japanese company in 3 countries by collecting evidence from overseas stock price manipulation, securities fraud and money laundering cases.

01/2011 – 01/2014

- *Employer:* International Affairs Division, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice
- *Post title:* Senior Attorney
- *Other information:* Handled numerous MLA and extradition cases including piracy against a Japanese tanker off the coast of Somalia, complex money laundering cases across multiple continents and represented the MOJ at international conferences organized by the United Nations, G7 Roma-Lyon Group, FATF, and OECD, contributing to the development of effective cross-border frameworks against transnational organized crime and corruption.

04/2009 – 01/2011

- *Employer:* Special Investigation Department, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office
- *Post title:* Prosecutor
- *Other information:* As prosecutor in the Special Investigation Department that investigates white collar crime, handled investigations into various white-collar cases including securities fraud, bribery of local government officials, tax evasion, bid-rigging and violations of company law.
Also led the pursuit of a tax evasion suspect who escaped overseas and succeeded in locating and extraditing the fugitive to Japan.

07/2005 – 07/2008

- *Employer:* Japanese Embassy in the United States of America
- *Post title:* First Secretary
- *Other information:* Served as legal attaché of Japan, acting as a focal point for cooperation and coordination with the US Department of Justice and facilitated MLA and extradition cases between Japan and the US. Researched the US legal system to assist the Ministry's drafting of various criminal legislation. Advised the MOJ on the drafting of the "Act on Cooperation with the International Criminal Court", Japan's law to implement the Rome Statute.

06/2001 – 07/2005, 08/2008 – 04/2009

- *Employer:* International Affairs Division, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice

- <i>Post title:</i>	Attorney
- <i>Other information:</i>	Handled various high-profile MLA cases and extradition requests including a murder case in international waters that led to the amendment of the jurisdiction provision of the Penal code, a prominent money laundering case that led to the first asset sharing from Switzerland to Japan and robbery murder of an entire family of four where the perpetrator was arrested in both Japan and China as well as representing Japan at international negotiations and conferences in criminal matters such as the CCPCJ, OECD Working Group on Bribery, and G8 Roma -Lyon Group. Notably, represented the MOJ in the negotiation of the first MLAT by Japan with the US and concluded the negotiation and drafted the implementing domestic law which paved the way for the MOJ being the central authority for future MLATs. Participated in the negotiation of an MLAT with the Republic of Korea. Served as a member of the Japanese delegation to negotiate the UNCAC.
06/1995 – 06/2001	
- <i>Employer:</i>	District Prosecutors Office (Tokyo, Chiba, Nagasaki, Osaka)
- <i>Post title:</i>	Prosecutor
- <i>Other information:</i>	In charge of conducting investigations and trials, including, among others, violent crimes such as murder, robbery, robbery murder, gang-rape and other gang-related violence, kidnapping and assault, and financial crimes such as fraud, bid-rigging and bribery of local government officials.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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(International activities)**08/2025**

Activity: Participated and supported the side event of the 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9): “Strengthening Future Cooperation between African Countries and Japan in the Field of Law and Justice” in Yokohama, Japan.

02/2022, 06/2024, 06/2025

Activity: Facilitated three meetings of the Criminal Justice Forum for Asia and the Pacific (CRIM-AP), Working Group on Mutual Legal Assistance, which brought together central authorities of 18 countries in the Asia Pacific region to compile a practical handbook of each country’s law and practices in the field of mutual legal assistance.

05-2021 – 06/2021

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the 4th Mutual Evaluation of Japan by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to achieve a higher rating for Japan.

03/2021

Activity: Organized and participated as a speaker in the 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Kyoto, Japan (Kyoto Congress) and chaired the 13th meeting of the Plenary.

08/2019

Activity: Attended the 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 7) in Yokohama, Japan.

11/2018 – 03/2021

Activity: Appointed as Executive Director of the Kyoto Congress National Executive Committee, made preparations to host the 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Kyoto, Japan (Kyoto Congress), headed the Japanese delegation in all five regional preparatory meetings for the Kyoto Congress held in Bangkok, Santiago, Beirut, Addis Ababa and Vienna, and

headed the Japanese delegation in the negotiation to draft the political declaration (Kyoto Declaration).

09/2017

Activity: Organized and participated in the 4th Annual General Meeting of the Asset Recovery Interagency Network for Asia Pacific (ARIN-AP) in Tokyo, Japan.

10/2014

Activity: Participated as speaker in the session “International Cooperation” in the Regional Meeting on Curbing Foreign Bribery in ASEAN Economic Community organized by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

09/2013

Activity: Participated in the 2nd Preparatory Meeting to develop the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network in Asia and the Pacific (ARIN-AP) in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

06/2013

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Plenary Meeting in Oslo, Norway.

10/2012

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Plenary Meeting in Paris, France.

09/2012

Activity: Moderated a session on “International cooperation for the purpose of asset recovery” at the 1st Arab Forum on Asset Recovery in Doha, Qatar.

06/2012

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Plenary Meeting in Rome, Italy.

02/2012

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Plenary Meeting in Paris, France.

2012 - 2015

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the Council of Europe, Cybercrime Convention Committee (TC-Y) 7th 8th 9th 10th 14th Plenary Meetings in Strasbourg, France.

2008 – 2009, 2011 - 2013, 2015 - 2017

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the OECD Plenary Meetings of the Working Group on Bribery in Paris, France and contributed to the evaluations of other member countries and worked on the Phase 3 and Phase 3 Follow up Reports on Japan.

06/2005

Activity: Attended the G8 Justice/Internal Affairs Ministerial Meeting in Sheffield, UK, as a member of the Japanese delegation.

05/2003

Activity: Attended the G8 Justice/Internal Affairs Ministerial Meeting in Paris, France, as a member of the Japanese delegation.

2002 - present

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation and made statements and negotiated resolutions in the 11th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 33rd, 34th sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the United Nations (CCPCJ) in Vienna, Austria.

(Domestic activities)**2021 – 2022**

Activity: Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA), Qualification Review Committee Member (All private attorneys must be registered in JFBA to practice law. This Committee decides whether to allow admission/license to JFBA.)

2016 - 2017

Activity: Prosecutors and Notaries Public Appointment Committee Member (in charge of Examination of Prosecutors)

2015 - 2018

Activity: Adjunct Lecturer, Keio University (Criminal Law)

2011 - 2014

Activity: Member of the National Bar Examination Committee (Constitutional Law) (Committee members are appointed by the Minister of Justice from academics and practicing lawyers to administer the Bar exam of Japan.)

2011

Activity: Member of the National Bar Examination Committee (Intellectual Property Law)

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

- Issues Concerning the Collection of Evidence Located Overseas (Investigative Research, 2016)
- International Cooperation in Criminal Proceedings (Jurist Special Edition, Issues in Code of Criminal Procedure, 2013)
- Act to Amend Part of the International Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act and the Act on Punishment of Organized Crimes and Regulation of Crime Proceeds (Contemporary Criminal Law, 2004)

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

- Remarks/Lectures/Presentations as Director of UNAFEI at the UNAFEI International Training Seminar on the following themes in Tokyo, Japan:
 - “Detecting Corruption – Learning from Successful Methods, Practices and Techniques” (October 2025)
 - “Current Challenges and Effective Countermeasures in the Fight Against Money Laundering” (May 2025)
 - “Criminal Justice Issues Regarding Youth Involved in Terrorism” (January 2025)
 - “Strengthening Prevention, Detection and Prosecution of Corruption, and Public-Private Partnership” (October 2024)
 - “Preventing Inmate Abuse and Corruption in Correctional Facilities: Creating a Rehabilitative Prison Environment” (September 2024)
 - “Countermeasures against trafficking in persons, with a focus on trafficking in persons for sexual exploitation” (May 2024)
 - “Management of Correctional Institutions in the 21st Century – with a focus on the Nelson Mandela Rules” (January 2024)
- Other contributions at invited seminars in 2025:
 - Keynote Presentation at the 12th Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice International Forum (KICJIF) “Strengthening International Cooperation in Response to Transnational Organized Crime” in Seoul, Republic of Korea (October 2025)

- Keynote Presentation at the International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation 2025 Colloquium “Reducing Reoffending, in particular promoting United Nations Model Strategies on Reducing Reoffending” in Tokyo, Japan (October 2025) - Presentation “International Criminal Law and International Criminal Court” at the Tokyo International Law Seminar 2025 in Tokyo, Japan (August 2025) - Lecture at the 1st UNODC – UNAFEI Pacific Island Countries and Territories Training Programme “Effective Investigative Techniques for Combating Transnational Organized Crime” in Tokyo, Japan (August 2025) - Presentation at the side event of the 34th Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the United Nations (CCPCJ): “Birth of New UN Model Strategies on Reducing Reoffending” in Vienna, Austria (May 2025)
MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES
Member of International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation (IPPF) Board Member of The Friends of LAWASIA Association in Japan Board Member of Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF)
AWARDS AND HONOURS
PERSONAL INTERESTS
Science Fiction, Fine Arts, Music, Sports
OTHER RELEVANT FACTS