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Election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Note by the Secretariat

1. On 11 March 2026, the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties decided that the nomination period for candidates for the election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance to be held at the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/22/Res.8 would run from 27 April to 19 July 2026 (Central European Time).

2. The Committee on Budget and Finance was established by the Assembly in its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.4 of 3 September 2002. The terms of reference of the Committee are set out in the annex to the resolution. Paragraph 2 of the annex to that resolution was amended by the Assembly by resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.5 of 12 September 2003.

3. The procedure for the nomination and election of the members of the Committee was set out by the Assembly in its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5. Paragraph 15 of that resolution was amended by resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.4 of 12 September 2003. In accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, each nomination shall specify how the candidate fulfils the requirements laid down in paragraph 2 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.4, i.e. to be an expert of recognized standing and experience in financial matters at the international level from a State Party.

4. The distribution of seats among the regional groups pursuant to paragraph 2 of resolution ICC-ASP/22/Res.8 is as follows:

- African States, four seats;
- Asia-Pacific States, three seats;
- Eastern European States, three seats;
- Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, three seats; and
- Western European and Other States, four seats.

5. The five new members would belong to the following regional groups:

(a) African States, one seat;

(b) Asia-Pacific States, two seat;

(c) Eastern European States, one seat;

(d) Latin American and Caribbean States, one seat;

(e) Western European and other States group- one seat.

6 As required by paragraph 9 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, every effort shall be made to elect the members of the Committee by consensus, on the basis of a recommendation by the Bureau. Under paragraph 10, in the absence of a consensus, the election shall be a matter of substance, and subject to the requirements of article 112, paragraph 7 (a), of the Rome Statute, which provides as follows:

"7. Each State Party shall have one vote. Every effort shall be made to reach decisions by consensus in the Assembly and in the Bureau. If consensus cannot be reached, except as otherwise provided in the Statute:

(a) Decisions on matters of substance must be approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting provided that an absolute majority of States Parties constitutes the quorum for voting."

5. In accordance with paragraph 11 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, the election shall be by secret ballot. However, this requirement may be dispensed with if the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled or in respect of candidates endorsed by the respective regional groups, unless a delegation specifically requests a vote on a given election.

6. Under paragraph 12 of the resolution, the persons elected shall be those candidates from each regional group who obtained the highest number of votes and a two-thirds majority of States Parties present and voting, provided that an absolute majority of the States Parties constitutes the quorum for voting.

7. On the closing date of the nomination period, 25 August 2023, the number of candidates was less than the number of seats and not all regional groups had submitted a candidate. The President, pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, extended the nomination period for a period of two weeks on three respective occasions, until 2 August, 16 August and 30 August 2026 (Central European Time).

8. At the end of the extended nomination periods, six candidatures had been received.

9. Of the six nominations, one was submitted by the group of African States, two by the Asia-Pacific group, one by the group of Eastern European States, one by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, and one by the Group of Western European and other States group.

10. In accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, a list in the English alphabetical order of all persons nominated, with accompanying documents, is contained in the annex to the present note.

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1. BLASI, Marco Giogio Roberto (Italy)

[Original : English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of Italy to the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of State Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and has the honour to refer to the communication by the Secretariat of the Assembly of State Parties concerning the nomination procedure for the election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance dated 17 March 2026 (ICC-ASP/25/SP/55).

The Embassy of Italy to the Kingdom of the Netherlands has the honour to also refer to the resolutions of the Assembly of State Parties to the Rome Statute on the establishment of the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.4, as amended by ICC-ASP/2/Res.5 and ICC-ASP/4/Res.6) and on the procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.5 as amended by ICC-ASP/2/Res.4), adopted by the Assembly at its first and second session.

In view of the election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance that will take place during the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of State Parties, scheduled to be held in New York from 7 to 17 December 2026, Italy has the honour to nominate Mr. Marco Blasi to the seat reserved for the Group of Western European and Other States.

Mr Marco Blasi has a long-standing recognized experience in financial matters at the international level. For fourteen years Mr Blasi has served as a senior manager in the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the ICC, taking care of financial matters and administration to all key operations that are part to the core mandate of the OTP. Throughout this experience, Mr Blasi has actively engaged with all relevant stakeholders, both within the ICC system, among State Parties, and the CBF, to exchange informed views regarding financial matters of the Court.

During his career at the OTP, Mr Blasi has also first-handedly worked on the budget proposals presented by the ICC for each financial year, co-ordinating with all the organs of Court, which is one of key topics of negotiations among State Parties to the Rome Statute. Mr Blasi has managed the implementation of the budget within the OTP, respecting the guidelines provided by State Parties, has represented the OTP in various inter-organ commitees, and has provided strategic financial leadership in support of the organizational functionality of the Court. Given his substantial knowledge of the ICC complexities in terms of financial matters as well the dynamics within the diplomatic representatives in the Hague, Mr Blasi’s experience would allow him to make a pivotal contribution to the work of the CBF.

Before his service at the ICC, Mr Marco Blasi also gathered an extensive experience of financial issues in the private sector, working as financial officer for relevant international companies and consulting agencies. Mr’s Blasi’s ability to navigate complex financial environments, lead multidisciplinary teams, and deliver results in a dynamic and international context demonstrates a strong commitment to accountability, transparency, and organizational impact.

The Embassy of Italy has the honour to attach Mr Blasi’s curriculum vitae.

Curriculum vitae

Work experience:

Senior Manager Office of the Prosecutor
International Criminal Court, The Hague, Netherlands
10/06/2012 – 15/07/2026

- Advises the Prosecutor and multi-divisional teams on financial support for operations such as criminal investigations, arrest and surrender operations, witness protection programs, and prosecutions.
- Prepares and negotiates the OTP budget (€66.0m), ensuring integration within the Court's Programme Budget.
- Represents the Office on strategic, budgetary, financial, HR, IT, organizational, compliance, and policy-related matters.
- Manages implementation of the Office budget and oversees contingency fund requests.
- Ensures provision of core support services for complex criminal investigations and prosecutions.
- Interviews and evaluates candidates for high-level professional positions.
- Responsible for Trust Funds (€40.0m) and certifying officer for all OTP accounts.

Partner
CCF, Milan, Italy
03/04/2011 – 23/04/2012

- Areas of competence: Finance and Administration, Audit, Budgeting, Forecasting and Reporting, Change Management, Start-up Management, Business Plan, International Business Development, Company Restructuring, Contracts negotiation.
- Negotiated partnership deals and distribution agreements, developed business plans, and managed international development projects.

Managing Director
Italcontact Group, Rome, Italy
28/02/2010 – 30/03/2011

- Responsible for the start-up and organization of an integrated Business Process Outsourcing group.

Group CFO - Strategic Business Development
PMC Operations, Novara, Italy
15/03/2007 – 25/02/2010

- Responsible for the Group's IPO Project, integration of treasury, reporting and financial systems, and strategic business development for twelve different companies in the Group.

Chief Financial Officer
Deloitte Temporary Management, Milan, Italy
16/04/2006 – 14/03/2007

- Senior management positions for Deloitte Consulting clients. Evaluated financials, rationalized policies and procedures, and assisted in restructuring plans.

Chief Financial Officer
Universal Music Italy, Milan, Italy
31/12/1995 – 13/04/2006

- Direct report to Country Managing Director. Functional report to Universal Music International Chief Financial Officer (London, UK).
- Managed merger between Universal Music S.p.A. and PolyGram in Italy, negotiated personnel resizing. Achieved annual savings of €6.7m. Launched Universal Music Digital Division, produced live DVDs, and secured sponsorship and co-marketing contributions for €2.5m. Conceived and finalized deal with FIAT Automobiles for the launch of new Fiat Grande Punto. Marketing campaign value: € 5m.

Chief Financial Officer
Diagram Italia – Groupe France Télécom, Milan, Italy
30/06/1994 – 28/12/1995

- Responsible for Budget, Forecast, Reporting, and Accounting. Developed internal and operating procedures and led negotiations with trade unions for company's restructuring.

Deputy Finance Director
Recordati Industrie Chimiche e Farmaceutiche, Milan, Italy
16/05/1993 – 29/06/1994

- Controller for foreign branches; developed operating and IMS procedures for Treasury.

Finance and Administration Project Manager
NCR Italy, Milan, Italy
31/10/1991 – 13/05/1993

- Report to NCR Europe Group, Dayton, Ohio, USA and the Financial and Administrative Directorate of NCR Italia. Project Manager for the implementation of Oracle Financials Systems. Represented NCR Italia on the Committee of the Project Implementation Group and the FMS User Committee.

Intern
Aquest Enterprises / AGSM UCLA, Los Angeles, USA
02/12/1990 – 30/05/1991

- Internship as part of the Field Study project required to complete the MBA programme at UCLA. Conducted a feasibility study for the privatization of a Soviet State Cooperative in Sochi (Russian Federation).

Consultant
Accenture, Milan, Italy
30/09/1986 – 30/07/1989

- Consultant in the Financial Services Division designed and implemented information management systems for leading Italian banks and financial institutions.

Other

M60 A1 Tank Pilot
Divisione Ariete, Italian Army, Aviano (PN), Italy
31/05/1985 – 30/05/1986

- M60 A1 tank pilot assigned to a First Response duty station in Aviano. Assistant to the Head of the Battalion Planning Office. Later promoted to Assistant to the Immediate Office of the Major at the Division's HQ in Pordenone.

Education:

Master of Business Administration
Anderson Graduate School of Management, UCLA, Los Angeles, United States
28/08/1989 – 14/06/1991

Laurea in Discipline Economiche e Sociali - MSc
Universitá Bocconi, Milan, Italy
15/09/1979 – 18/03/1985

Language skills:

- Italian: Mother tongue
- English: Proficient user
- French: Proficient user
- Spanish: Independent user
- Dutch: Basic user
- Serbian: Basic user

Computer skills:

- Microsoft 365 suite (Teams, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, MS Project): Proficient user
- Power BI: Independent user
- SharePoint: Independent user
- ERP (SAP): Independent user

2. CHABCHOUB, Neila (Tunisia)

[Original: Français]

Note verbale

The Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia in The Hague 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 its Note Verbale No. ICC-ASP/25/SP/55 dated 17 March 2026 concerning the opening of nominations for the election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF), has the honour to inform the Secretariat that Tunisia has decided to nominate Ms Neila Chabchoub, Comptroller General of Finance and Director General of the General Committee for Finance Control within the Ministry of Finance, as a candidate for the seat allocated to the African States Group on the aforementioned Committee.

Statement of qualifications

Senior Audit and Control Officer, with responsibilities encompassing public budgetary funds, projects financed by foreign donors, central government administration, public institutions, state-owned enterprises and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), as well as participation in the financial audits of international organisations.

Key responsibilities and achievements within the General Committee for Finance Control (CGF), as Head of Audit Assignments:

- **Led audit assignments and assessed the management of national budgetary funds** over several financial years, making recommendations aimed at improving efficiency and transparency.
- These included:
    - National budgetary funds operating in the fields of social affairs, the environment and road accident prevention.
    - Four agricultural budgetary funds managed by a public bank.
- Led **external audits of projects financed by international donors** (primarily the African Development Bank (AfDB), the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the French Development Agency (AFD)), completing more than 30 project audit assignments, and participating in approximately 70 financial audit assignments over the course of her career, particularly in the following sectors:
    - Public Works and Housing.
    - Agriculture.
    - Higher Education.
    - Ministry of Social Affairs.
- Conducted **financial, compliance and performance audits** of:
    - **Public institutions** under the supervision of the Ministries of Health, Higher Education, Employment and Vocational Training, as well as the Personal Data Protection Authority.
    - **State-owned enterprises** operating in the energy and media sectors, as well as investment companies.

- **Recruitment procedures** conducted by the Ministry of Family and Women.
- **Non-governmental organisations** (NGOs).
- **Diplomatic missions**.

- **Participated in annual external audit engagements representing Tunisia at two international organisations**, serving two consecutive terms at one organisation and one term at the other, issuing independent audit opinions and monitoring the implementation of recommendations.
- Prepared audit reports addressed to senior government authorities and contributed to strengthening public-sector governance.

Curriculum vitae

Comptroller General of Finance

Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) | Project Management Professional (PMP)

Public Audit • Governance • Internal Control • Public Finance

Career Profile

Senior public-sector auditor with **29 years of professional experience** in external auditing, public financial control, public policy evaluation and the governance of public-sector entities and non-governmental organisations.

Specialised expertise in **risk-based auditing**, the auditing of national budgetary funds and projects financed by international donors, and the oversight of public institutions and state-owned enterprises.

CIA- and PMP-certified, with proven experience in supervising audit teams, serving on boards of directors and chairing audit committees.

Core Competencies

- Financial and accounting management.
- Financial and compliance auditing (ISSAI / ISA / IIA standards).
- Auditing of projects financed by international donors.
- Public finance and budgetary control.
- Governance and internal control.
- Anti-corruption and fraud prevention.
- Public procurement and procedural oversight.
- Project auditing and assurance (PMP).
- Supervision of audit teams.
- Preparation of reports for senior decision-makers.

Professional experience

Comptroller General of Finance

General Committee for Finance Control – Ministry of Finance

Senior audit and control position covering central government administration, public institutions, state-owned enterprises, NGOs and international organisations.

Key responsibilities and achievements

- Led audit **assignments and assessments of national budgetary funds**, making recommendations aimed at improving efficiency and transparency.
- Conducted **external audits of projects financed by international donors (primarily AfDB, IBRD, AFD and JICA)**, predominantly in the following sectors:
    - Agriculture.
    - Public Works and Spatial Planning.
    - Higher Education.
    - Ministry of Social Affairs.
- **Conducted financial, compliance and performance audits of**:
    - Public institutions (health, higher education and vocational training).
    - State-owned enterprises (energy, transport, media and investment companies).
    - NGOs and agricultural funds managed by a public bank.
    - Diplomatic missions.
- **Served as an annual external auditor at two international organisations**, for two consecutive terms, issuing independent audit opinions and monitoring the implementation of recommendations.
- **Prepared audit reports addressed to senior government authorities and contributed to strengthening public-sector governance**.

Other positions and responsibilities

- **Part-time State Controller** – Public Institution *(2006–2008)*

  Responsible for the ex-ante control of public expenditure.
- **Member of the Boards of Directors** of several state-owned enterprises

  Sectors: Health, transport and energy (2010–2023).
- **Part-time Lecturer in Financial Auditing**

  Higher Institute of Accounting and Business Administration (ISCAE).

  Academic years 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.
- **Permanent Member** of the Public Procurement Monitoring and Review Committee

  High Authority for Public Procurement *(2015).*

- **Chair of the Procurement Oversight Committee**

  State-owned enterprise *(2017–2018).*

- **Chair of the Standing Audit Committee**

  Enterprise operating in the energy sector *(2021).*

- **Chair of the Steering Committee (COPIL) for a project to develop a Risk-Based Audit (RBA) Guide** *(2025).*

- Provided **academic and professional supervision** to trainees and students of the National School of Administration (ENA), supporting the preparation and drafting of dissertations and internship reports.

- **Designed and delivered audit training programmes** covering standards, methodologies and control techniques.

Education and professional certifications

- **Master's Degree in Advanced Business Studies – Finance Specialisation**

  IHEC (Carthage High Commercial Studies Institute) Tunis – Carthage (1993).

- **Higher-Level Diploma – Specialisation in Public Sector Oversight** (**Corps de contrôle**)

  National School of Administration (ENA), Tunis (1996).

- **Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)** – Since 2021.

- **Project Management Professional (PMP)** – 2025.

Specialized training

- Specialised International Programme in Public Administration – Paris

  Corruption: Economic Realities and Means of Combating It (2012).

- Anti-Corruption Training Programme

  École nationale d'administration publique (ENAP), Québec (2016).

- Professional Training in English – **Economics and Finance**

  Training programme at the National School of Finance.

- **Good Governance and Anti-Corruption** Tailor-Made Training

  International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), Vienna *(2025).*

Languages

- Arabic: Native language
- French: Professional working proficiency
- English: Intermediate professional proficiency

3. SAWADA, Satoko (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 Secretariat's note ICC-ASP/25/SP/55, has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Japan has decided to nominate Ms. SAWADA Satoko as a candidate for the members of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) for the term 2027-2029 at the elections to be held during the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties scheduled to be held in New York from 7 to 17 December 2026.

Ms. Sawada has extensive experience and recognized standing in financial and administrative matters at the international level. Currently posted at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva, she possesses an in-depth understanding of the financial and budgetary challenges facing international organizations, acquired through extensive dialogue and engagement with member states and international organizations. In light of the UN80 Initiative and in response to the financial challenges facing the United Nations and other related agencies, Ms. Sawada has been actively engaged in budgetary and organizational discussions within various international organizations in Geneva, including the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) as a key donor country.

Throughout her career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Sawada has been engaged with a diverse range of international organizations across various fields, including judicial matters, humanitarian affairs, development, migration, disaster risk reduction, health, investment, and trade, demonstrating her versatility in navigating complex international frameworks. Notably, having worked in the International Judicial Proceedings Division, which oversees principal international judicial bodies such as the International Criminal Court (ICC), the International Court of Justice (ICJ), and the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), Ms. Sawada possesses comprehensive knowledge of international legal frameworks, including the Rome Statute and ICC rules and regulations. Her experience extends to international dispute settlement, where she has managed Japan's involvement in proceedings before the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other international arbitral fora, and negotiated multilateral international agreements, highlighting her expertise in complex economic and legal matters. Furthermore, as a member of the organizing committee of the Tokyo International Law Seminar (TILS), an initiative launched by Japan to strengthen capacity building for government officials, she effectively managed a broad range of administrative issues and led logistical negotiations with key stakeholders, showcasing her strong organizational and administrative capabilities.

Such extensive experience and expertise, as outlined in Ms. Sawada's curriculum vitae attached herewith, attest to her fulfillment of the requirement, set forth in paragraph 2 of the annex to the resolution establishing the CBF (ICC-ASP/1/Res.4), that members of the Committee shall be experts of recognized standing and experience in financial matters at the international level.

Japan has consistently supported the activities of the International Criminal Court since its establishment, and having formally become a State Party to the Rome Statute on 1 October 2007 and consistently being the largest contributor to the Court's budget, intends to remain a strong supporter of the Court. The decision of the Government of Japan to present the candidature of Ms. Sawada for election to the CBF reflects its firm commitment to continue

exerting its utmost efforts to facilitate the activities of the Court. The Government of Japan is fully confident that the candidate possesses the necessary experience, expertise and knowledge in financial and budgetary affairs, as well as recognised standing at the international level, to make a strong contribution to the important work of the Committee.

Statement of qualifications

1. Professional background and experience

Ms. Sawada Satoko has served as a diplomat at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, meeting the requirements set out in the terms of reference of the CBF. She has extensive experience in the financial and budgetary affairs of international organizations, as well as in international law and dispute settlement. She is currently serving as First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva.

2. Experience in Multilateral fora

Ms. Sawada has broad experience of engaging with international organizations across a wide range of fields. In her current post in Geneva, she oversees budgetary, governance and management matters of various organizations, including IOM, OCHA and UNDRR, and actively participates in intergovernmental discussions on behalf of Japan. In the context of the UN80 Initiative, she has been engaged in discussions on financial sustainability and the efficient allocation of resources, working closely with member states on budgetary and organizational reform. Prior to her current posting, she was responsible for legal affairs relating to international judicial bodies, including the ICC, ICJ and PCA.

3. Understanding of the ICC

Ms. Sawada has a comprehensive understanding of the ICC and its operations. Having served in the International Judicial Proceedings Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she has acquired in-depth knowledge of the Rome Statute and the ICC rules and regulations, which will be a significant asset in fulfilling her duties on the CBF.

4. Analytical and drafting capabilities

Ms. Sawada has developed strong analytical and drafting skills through her professional experience. In Geneva, she has analyzed budgets and financial reports of multiple international organizations and engaged in related intergovernmental discussions. Through her work in the Economic Dispute Settlement Division, she has drafted detailed legal analyses and written submissions in the context of complex WTO and international arbitration proceedings. These experiences have equipped her with the analytical rigor and drafting precision required for the preparation of CBF reports and recommendations to the Assembly of States Parties.

5. Communication and administrative skills

Ms. Sawada possesses strong communication and organizational skills. As a member of the organizing committee of the Tokyo International Law Seminar (TILS), she managed

administrative issues and led logistical negotiations with key stakeholders, demonstrating her ability to facilitate collaboration in complex international settings.

6. Language proficiency

In addition to her native Japanese, Ms. Sawada speaks English fluently and French at an intermediate level. She is also admitted to the New York State Bar, reflecting her high level of proficiency in legal English.

For all the above reasons, Ms. Sawada is well qualified to become a member of the Committee on Budget and Finance of the ICC and will make a valuable contribution with her extensive international diplomatic, legal and financial expertise.

Curriculum vitae

Ms. Sawada has extensive experience in multilateral diplomacy, covering a wide range of areas including international organizations, international law and dispute settlement. She currently serves at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva as First Secretary in charge of various international organizations, including International Organization for Migration (IOM), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), and oversees its budget, governance and management. Ms. Sawada's previous responsibilities include negotiation of bilateral and multilateral international agreements and dispute settlement in various fora. Her well-rounded experience and expertise will be a great asset to the Committee on Budget and Finance of the International Criminal Court.

Nationality

Japanese

Date and place of birth

30 October 1979, Gifu, Japan

Languages

Japanese (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate)

Professional experience

August 2025 – present	*First Secretary*, Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva
August 2020 – August 2025	*Assistant Director*, Economic Dispute Settlement Division, International Legal Affairs Bureau, MOFA
April 2020 – August 2020	*Assistant Director*, International Trade and Investment Dispute Settlement Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, MOFA

November 2017 – August 2025	*Assistant Director*, International Judicial Proceedings Division, International Legal Affairs Bureau, MOFA
November 2017 – March 2020	*Assistant Director*, International Legal Affairs Division, International Legal Affairs Bureau, MOFA
December 2015 – November 2017	*Official/Assistant Director*, Economic Partnership Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, MOFA

Education

2015	*Juris Doctor*, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC, USA
2003	*Bachelor of Arts* in French, University of Oregon, Eugene, USA

Qualifications

2016 – present	*Attorney*, State of New York, USA

4. ERMAN, Mateja Vraničar (Slovenia)

[Original English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in The Hague presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of the State parties to the Rome Statute, and has with reference to the note verbal ICC-ASP/25/SP/55 from 17 March 2026 the honour to nominate Mrs Mateja Vraničar Erman from the Republic of Slovenia as a candidate to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Budget and Finance allocated to the Eastern European Group.

Mrs Vraničar Erman is a renowned expert with extensive experience in the field of finance at both national and international level. Information about her work and experience in this field, including the budget, its implementation, and the management of organizations, can be found in the attached CV.

The Republic of Slovenia is convinced that the expertise of Mrs Vraničar Erman can contribute significantly to the efficient and continuous work of the Committee on Budget and Finance and thus support the effective functioning of the International Criminal Court.

Curriculum vitae

Work experience

September 2022 - present	**Secretary, National Coordinator for cooperation with OECD** Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs, Ljubljana (Slovenia) Coordination of ministries and other public institutions that are taking part in the work of OECD. Preparing coordinated opinions on horizontal issues and managing of the organisation (budget and work programme planning and implementation; implementation of enlargement policies and policies of engagement with third countries; cooperation with other international organisations etc.).
March 2021 – June 2022	**Secretary; Advisor to the Minister** Ministry for Foreign Affairs (today Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs), Ljubljana (Slovenia) Different tasks concerning broader economic policy issues from the perspective of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, especially within the scope of the Slovenian Presidency to EU and cooperation with European Parliament in this respect.
August 2019– March 2021 and June 2022 - present	**Senior Representative of the Republic of Slovenia for Succession Issues** Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs, Ljubljana (Slovenia) Monitoring and preparing proposals for resolution of remaining open succession issues after dissolution of former SFRY. Coordination of Slovenian national interests and coordination of responsible authorities in this area. Preparing strategic review of

resolving remaining succession issues in the area of movable and immovable property, including items of cultural heritage, diplomatic property, financial assets and obligations (including division of guarantees for deposits of foreign currency at commercial banks) and protection of property rights of legal persons. Conducting diplomatic consultations with other successor states.

Oct 2018-July 2019 **Secretary within the Department for Tax and Customs Policy and Administration**

Ministry for Finance, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Responsible for drafting different proposals within the system of value added tax, tax procedures and protection of taxpayer's rights, including monitoring and introducing improvements in the area of the taxpayers' rights to appeal decisions of tax authorities. Took special interest in tax morale issues.

Sep2016-Sep 2018 **Minister of Finance**

Ministry for Finance, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

When Minister of Finance, Slovenia achieved a surplus in the general government balance for the first time since independence. Debt of state budget was restructured to reduce interest expenditure, to reduce the general government debt to GDP ratio and to extend the duration of the debt. Slovenia improved competitiveness of its business environment.

Apr 2010-Sep 2016 **State Secretary (except in period Feb 2012 – March 2013)**

Ministry for Finance, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

- public finances
- designing and implementing of fiscal rules for general government
- preparing and implementing the state budget
- leading the process of expenditure reviews
- leading the process of drafting of the law on public finances
- public accounting
- leading the process of drafting of the law on public accounting
- prevention from money laundering
- leading the process of drafting legislation
- implementation of inspection function into the national Office for money laundering prevention
- tax and customs policy and administration

- introducing changes in the tax and customs legislation, leading to restructuring of tax burden, reduction of compliance costs and speeding up tax and customs procedures as well as improving compliance and voluntary payment of taxes
- leading the process of introducing tax registers as a major tool to reduce tax a voidance/informal economy
- leading the merger of Tax and Customs Administrations into Financial Administration of the Republic of Slovenia
- Awarded a Golden sign of the Customs Administration of the Republic of Slovenia in 2011

During this period and under my leadership Slovenia covered all the outstanding debts to international organisations, occurred due to financial crisis.

Feb 1993-Apr 2010
Feb 2012-Mar 2013

Secretary and other different expert and middle management positions within Department for Tax, Customs and other Public Revenues

Ministry for Finance, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

- coordinating general tax policy issues
- drafting legislation on VAT and Excise duties, customs procedures, on tax procedures, on organisation of tax administration and administrative fees
- coordination of international activities of Directorate
- taking part in the team introducing VAT and Excise Duties in Slovenia in 1999
- preparing the first Slovenian Customs Code in 1996
- coordinating other legislative projects of the Directorate (as for example: Financial Transaction Tax, Financial Services Tax)
- cooperating with EU institutions in tax areas
- chairing the Council Working Group on Taxation (indirect taxation and administrative cooperation in taxation) in the time of Slovenian Presidency to the EU (first half of 2008)
- taking part in expert work for negotiations on accession of Slovenia to EU
- leading Slovene delegations on different negotiations, resulting in concluding numerous Protocols on Origin of Goods as part of Free Trade Agreements with different countries, groups of countries as well as Association Agreement with the EC
- a member of the Slovene delegation negotiating the agreement on accession of Slovenia to GATT and WTO

Mar 1989-Jan 1993	**Different expert positions within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs** Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ljubljana (Slovenia) • Expert work on legal instruments for establishment of Slovene Customs as a part of process leading to the independence of Slovenia • Expert work on drafting legislation on international trade and use of foreign currency (customs regulations, law on international trade, law on foreign currency etc.)

Education and Training

Oct 2024-Oct 2025	**Training in Mentoring and Coaching** On-going
June 1996-May 1997	**Master of Public Administration (MPA)** Harvard University, Law School and JF Kennedy School of Government, Boston (United States) International Tax Program, specialist post-graduate and master programme
Sep 1984-Feb 1989	**Bachelor of Science in Law** University Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Personal skills

Mother tongue	Slovenian
Foreign languages	Fluent in English, Croatian and Serbian;
Organisational / managerial skills	• leadership skills; good team leader – leading by personal example and positive motivation • organisational skills; good organizer of work • communication skills – good in communication within the team and with different stakeholders
Other job-related skills	• good knowledge on drafting legislative texts • understanding of EU governing structures and economic/fiscal policy issues • computer skills (MS Office) • driving licence (B category)

Other information

Author or co-author of several books on tax and customs law:

- VAT Law with Commentary (authors: M. Vraničar, N. Beč), GV Založba, Ljubljana 2007
- VAT Law with Commentary (authors: N. Beč, A Šircelj, M. Vraničar), GV Ljubljana 1999 appendix from 2001
- Customs Code with Commentary (author: M. Vraničar), Šircelj Consulting, Trzin 2001
- New Customs law with Commentary (author: M. Vraničar), Primath, Ljubljana, 1995
- Implementing legislation to the Customs Law with Commentary (author: M. Vraničar), Primath, Ljubljana1996
- Customs Legislation with Commentary (author M. Vraničar), Primath, Ljubljana 1993

Independent lecturer for various institutions on indirect taxation (VAT); in the period from 1993 until 1999 also customs legislation and in the period from 2018 to 2019 also on broader issues of public finance policies.

Since May 2021 included in UNDP Rooster of pre-vetted experts in the area of Public Finance Management.

From September 2021 until March 2022 a vice-chair of the Wise persons group on challenges facing the EU Customs Union, established by the European Commission.

Since May 2022 Chair of the Advisory Board and a Member of the Governing Board of CEF, Centre of Excellence in Finance, international organisation based in Ljubljana, dealing with administrative capacity building in public administrations of South East Europe – public finance management, central banking, knowledge sharing and transformation of public institutions into learning organisations.

5. GHARAIBEH, Fawzi (Jordan)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan 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 Secretariat's note number ICC-ASP/25/SP/55 dated 17 March 2026, has the honour to inform that the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan decided to nominate H.E Dr. Fawzi A. Gharaibeh as a candidate for the membership of the Committee on Budget and Finance for the term 2027-2029 at the elections to be held in New York between 7 to 17 December 2026.

Dr. Gharaibeh has an extensive experience at the national and international levels, as outlined in his attached Curriculum Vitae.

Curriculum vitae

Personal data

Place of birth:	Jordan
Date of birth:	1943
Citizenship:	Jordanian
Marital status:	Married with three children
Languages:	Arabic:(mother tongue), English, French (not fluent)

Education

1972	Ph.D. (Business Administration) University of Wisconsin (U.S.A.)
1968	MBA Texas Tech. University (U.S.A.)
1965	B. Com.(Honors) Cairo University (Egypt)

Current position Professor Emeritus, The University of Jordan

Previous positions

2009-2014	Founder and President, A' Sharqiyah University, Sultanate of Oman
2012-2013	Chairman, Board of Trustees, Jordan University of Science And Technology
1999 -2000	Chairman, Board of Directors, Phosphate and Mining Corporation, Jordan
1998 -1999	Minister of Education, Jordan
1991 -1998	President, The University of Jordan
1986 -1990	Vice-President, The University of Jordan
1983 -1986	Dean, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, The University of Jordan

Academic titles

1981	Professor, the University of Jordan
1976 -l98l	Associate Professor, The University of Jordan, Jordan
1972-1976	Assistant Professor, the University of Jordan
1978-1979	Visiting Scholar, LBJ School of Public Affairs, the University of Texas at Austin. U.S.A.
1978	Visiting Scholar (Summer), Portland State University, U.S.A.

Memberships (select)

2006-2009	Member, Board of Trustees, Balqa University, Jordan
2006-2009	Member, Advisory Board, Graduate School of Business Administration, The Jordanian German University
2003 – present	Member, Committee on Budget and Finance, International Criminal Court, The Hague, The Netherlands
2003-2009	Member, Royal Scientific Society, Jordan
2003 – present	Member, Board of Trustees, King Hussein Foundation, Jordan

2003-2006	Member, Board of Trustees, Jordan University of Science and Technology 2003- 2006
2003-2006	Member, The Higher Committee for the Accounting Profession
2001-2009	Member, Council of the Center for Strategic Studies, The University of Jordan
2001-2005	Member, Executive Council, UNESCO, Paris, France
1998-2003	Deputy Chairman, The Higher Education Council, Jordan
1995-1998	Member, Board of Trustees, The Diplomatic Institute, Jordan
1995-1998	Member, The Executive council, The International Association of Universities, Paris France
1994-1998	Member, The Jordanian American Society for Cultural Exchange (Fulbright Commission)
1991-2004	Member, The Higher Education Council, Jordan
1991-1994	Chairman, The Committee For the Evaluation of Higher Education, Jordan
1991-1993	Member, The Advisory Economic Council, The Government of Jordan
1991-1994	Member, The American Accounting Association
1991-2009	Chairman, The Jordanian Alumni Society Of Graduates of American Universities and Institutes
1989-1991	Member, Board of Trustees, Petra University, Jordan
1989-1990	Member, The National Committee for Drawing the National Charter
1986-1991	The Committee for the Evaluation of foreign University Degrees, Jordan
1985-1992	Member, the Advisory Committee for the Faculty of Business and Economics, Qatar University, Qatar

Establishment of new universities

Cofounder and Partner (until 2005), Petra Private University, Jordan

Consultations

- Covering Various Areas of Higher Education, Business and Economics

Conferences

- On higher education
- On business and economics on the Middle East Affairs
- On Cultural Affairs

Medals

- Independence Medal of the First Order
- Education Medal of Excellence

Publications

A. Books (English)

- The Economics of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Boulder, Westview Press, 1987, U.S.A.
- The Badia of Jordan: A Process of Change. Amman: University of Jordan Press, 1987 (with others).
- The Bedouin of Jordan: A People in Transition. Amman Royal Scientific Society Press, 1987 (with others).
- The small and Handicraft Industries in Jordan:1976. Amman: Industrial Development Bank, n.d. (with others).

B. Books (Arabic)

- Contemporary Issues in Jordan (Editing and Introduction). Amman and Beirut: Abdel Hamid Shoman Foundation and Arab Institute for Studies and Publications 2001.
- Accounting Principles. New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1983 (with others).
- Accounting for Executives. Amman: El-Dustour Press, 1982 (with other).
- Research Methodology in Social Sciences and Humanities. Amman: Royal Scientific Society Press, 1977 (with others), Third Edition, 2002.
- Cost Accounting: Principles, Procedure and Control. Amman: Philadelphia Publishing House, 1975.

C. Articles (English)

- Bedouin Settlement: Organizational, Legal and Administrative Structure: The Experience of Jordan, in Galaty, John G., Aronson, Dan and Salzman, Philip Carl, Eds. The Future of Pastoral Peoples, Ottawa: International Development Research Center, 1981 (with another).
- Foreign Companies in Jordan: Problems and Prospects, Arab Journal of Administration (October 1979) (with another).
- West Asia and Southeast Asia: A Commentary, in Economic Relations Between West Asia and Southeast Asia. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 1978.
- Conditions of Some Working Women in Jordan, Arab Journal of Administration, 1978, (With others).
- Doing Business in the Arab World: Problems and Prospects, The Arab World Business Opportunities. Singapore: Compa Publications, 1977 (with another).
- Amman Region and its Weight in Jordan's Economy, Orient, 1976 (with others).

D. Articles (Arabic)

- The Relation between Earnings and Stock Returns in the Long Run: Republication and Extension", Jordan Journal of Business Administration. 2008 (with others).

- The Role of Cash flows and Accruals in Explaining Stock Returns, Jordan Journal of Business Administration. 2008. (with others).
- Predicting Corporate Distress in Jordan: A Multidimensional Scaling Approach, Dirasat 2008. (With another).
- Education in Jordan and the Requirements of the Twenty First Century," in Contemporary Issues in Jordan, 200l.
- The Relationship between Accounting Variables and Market Beta as a Measure of Systematic Risk in Public Shareholding Companies in Jordan, Dirasat 1996. (With another).
- The Use of Financial Ratios to Predict Highly Successful Industrial Corporations in Jordan, Dirasat,1990 (with another).
- Annual Financial Reports of Jordanian Industrial Corporations and their Relevance for Investment Decisions, Dirasat, 1990 (with another).
- Information Content of Annual Financial Reports in Jordanian Corporations -Trading Volume, Dirasat, I989 (with another).
- Timeliness of Financial Reports in Jordanian Industrial Corporations, Dirasat, 1988 (with another).
- Information Content of Accounting Income Numbers in Jordanian Industrial Corporations, Abhath Al- Yarmouk 1988 (with another).
- Financial Ratios as Predictors of Failure in Jordanian Industrial Corporations, Dirasat, 1987 (with another).
- Disclosures in Financial Annual Reports in Jordanian Industrial Corporations, Dirasat, 1986 (with another).
- The Extent of Utilization of Cost Accounting Systems in Jordanian Industrial Corporations, Dirasat, 1986 (with another).
- Inflation Accounting in Jordanian Corporations: A Case Study, Economics and Administrative Research, I981.
- The Accounting Function and the Chief Accountant in Jordanian Corporations, Dirasat, l98l.
- The Use of Simultaneous Equations in Service Department's Cost Allocation: A Case Study, Journal of Business Research, 1980.
- The Investment Climate in Jordan, Businessmen, 1978.
- Internal Control in Corporations: A Quantitative Evaluation, Dirasat, 1976 (with another).
- Modern Construction Industries: A Case Study, Dirasat,1975 (with another).
- The Use of Linear Programming in Fixed Cost Allocation: The Case of Paper and Cardboard Manufacturing Company, Proceeding of the Second Annual Conference of Operations Research. Cairo: Egyptian Society of Operations Research, 1975.

6. CARVAJAL SAN MARTIN, Jorge A. (Chile)

[Original: English]

Note verbale

The Embassy of Peru to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, in its capacity as the regional coordinator for the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC), presents its compliments to the International Criminal Court -Assembly of States Parties- and has the honour to refer to its communication ICC-ASP/25/SP/109, concerning the election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF).

In this regard, the Embassy of Peru, in its capacity as the regional coordinator for the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC), would like to inform that the group is nominating Mr. Jorge Carvajal San Martín, from Chile, to cover the vacancy of the GRULAC in the Committee on Budget and Finance, in the elections that will take place during the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties.

Statement of qualifications

This statement is submitted pursuant to the resolutions of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court concerning the establishment of the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.4, as amended by ICC-ASP/2/Res.5 and ICC-ASP/4/Res.6, Annex l).

The candidacy of Mr. Jorge Carvajal San Martin, whose curriculum vitae is attached to this statement in both English and Spanish, complies with the procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, as amended by ICC-ASP/2/Res.4, Annex

Mr. Jorge Carvajal, Ambassador (retired), pursued a long and distinguished diplomatic career spanning 37 years in the Chilean Foreign Service. He was consistently involved in multilateral affairs, holding various posts at international organisations, such as the Chilean Mission to the International Organisations in Vienna, the Chilean Mission in The Hague on three separate occasions during his career, at the Chilean Embassy in the United Kingdom, where he served as Chile's Alternate Representative to the International Maritime Organisation; and at the Chilean Embassy in Sweden, where he served as Alternate Representative to International IDEA.

Between 2024 and 2026, Ambassador (retired) Carvajal served as Representative to the International Criminal Court (ICC), the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP), The Hague Academy of International Law (ILA), The Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

At the International Criminal Court, he held various roles, including as Chile's representative to the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties and as facilitator for the Court's 2026 budget.

This was a successful process that was widely praised not only for the outcome but also for the way in which he led the negotiations. In this role, he maintained close ties with the members of the Committee on Budget and Finance and gained a thorough understanding of the issues and working methods. As Chile's Permanent Representative to the OPCW, he served as one of the Vice-Presidents of the organisation's Conference of States Parties.

At the national level, Ambassador (retired) Carvajal held posts at the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, serving as Director of the Directorate for Middle Eastern and African Affairs, as Head of the Argentina Unit within the Directorate for South America, and as an adviser to the Department of Disarmament and Non-Proliferation. He also served as Chile's Ambassador to Israel from 2022 to 2023.

In all these roles, Mr. Carvajal worked on matters relating to international law -both public and private international humanitarian law and human rights, serving at various stages of his career on different selection committees, as well as in the areas of budgeting and financial control, particularly in his roles as Alternate Representative and Head of Mission.

Prior to his diplomatic career, Mr Carvajal served for three years in the area of urban planning within local authorities in Chile. This experience has enabled him to perform his various duties relating to the management of public financial resources with great competence throughout his diplomatic career.

Both in Chile and abroad, Mr Carvajal has demonstrated his integrity, his unwavering impartiality and, in particular, his high moral standards. Both his academic background and his personal qualities will enable him to continue contributing to the work of the Committee on Budget and Finance in the review of budgetary and financial matters, as well as in the monitoring of the International Criminal Court's resources.

Curriculum vitae

Personal data

Place of birth: Santiago de Chile

Date of birth: 11 August 1960

Education

1974-1977 High School: Instituto de Humanidades Luis Campino
Santiago de Chile

1983 Graduated in Geography,
Pontifical Catholic University of Chile,
Santiago de Chile

1989-1991	Diplomatic Academy of Chile “Andres Bello” Santiago de Chile

Relevant certified coursework

1994	Course for young Latin American diplomats, Instituto del Servicio Exterior de la Nación, Buenos Aires
1996	Summer Course on Public International Law, The Hague Academy of International Law, The Hague
1998	Trade and International Negotiations, University of Chile, Santiago de Chile
1999	Introductory course on the Tasks of the IAEA
2003	Several modules on Political Sciences and International Relations, Stockholm University, Sweden
2009	National Public Policies in Chile, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago de Chile
2016	Seminar on the Modernization of the Association Agreement between Chile and the European Union, Brussels
2018	Promotion course for the grade of Minister Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, Graduated with the presentation: “Chile and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons”

Languages

Spanish	Native
English	Advanced
French	Intermediate
Dutch	Basic

Working experience

December 2024 - 30 April 2026	Ambassador of Chile to the Kingdom of the Netherlands During this period Representative of Chile to the ICC in The Hague and in this capacity Budget Facilitator 2025
April 2021 - October 2024	Ambassador of Chile to Isreal - Embassy of Chile in Isreal
May 2018 - 2024	Member of the OPCW Confidentiality Commission, The Hauge
October 2019 - April 2021	Deputy Chief of Mission - Permanent Mission of Chile to the International Organizations in Vienna
December 2018 - October 2019	Head of the Middle East and African Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile
2013 - May 2018	Counsellor, Embassy of Chile in The Hague, The Netherlands, Alternate Representative of Chile to the Organization of the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

2011 -2012	Head of Unit Argentine, South American Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile
2007 - 2011	First Secretary, Embassy of Chile in London, United Kingdom, Alternate Representative of Chile to the International Maritime Organization
2000 - 2005	Second Secretary, Embassy of Chile in Stockholm, Sweden Alternate Representative of Chile to the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)
1998 - 1999	Disarmament of No Proliferation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile
1996 - 1997	Third Secretary and Consul - Embassy of Chile in The Hague, The Netherlands
1993 - 1995	Third Secretary and Consul - Embassy of Chile in Bucharest, Romania
1992 - 1993	United States desk, North American Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile
1986 - 1987	Urban Planning Department - Municipality of Estación Central, Santiago de Chile
1985	Urban Planning Department - Municipality of La Granja Santiago de Chile