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The Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia in The Hague presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court and has the honor to transmit herewith the file of the nomination of Mr. Haykel Ben Mahfoudh (list B) as the Tunisian candidate for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court, which will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in December 2023.

Professor Haykel Ben Mahfoudh is a Tunisian citizen. He served as a Professor of Public International Law at the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis (University of Carthage) and Director of the Research Center for International and European Law and Maghreb-European Relations at the same Faculty, and currently he is the Director of the Tunisian University Mission in North America, in Montreal.

The candidate is qualified to meet the criteria of Article 36(3)(a) of the Statute, in particular for his high moral qualities and probity, for his qualifications and experience across the region, his professional integrity and records, his significant work in the field of humanitarian law and human rights, as well as for his sensitivity to cultural diversity.

Mr. Ben Mahfoudh holds a PhD (Doctorate) in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) from the University of Carthage. His doctoral thesis on "The protection of the environment in times of armed conflict", which was defended in 2005, was distinguished with highest honors and proposed for a prize and publication.

Dr. Haykal Ben Mahfoudh's nomination to the election as a judge of the International Criminal Court comes from the Tunisian State's adherence to the principles of a fair trial and to the universal human values and principles of human rights, and an extension as well to its accession to the Rome Convention immediately after the democratic transition of 2011.

In expressing his interest in standing for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court, Mr. Ben Mahfoudh has formally undertaken to make himself available to serve on a full-time basis when the workload of the Court so requires. The candidate is willing to provide all additional information in support of this nomination and to respond to the steps, procedures and meetings provided for this purpose.

The Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia in The Hague takes this opportunity to express to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court its high consideration.



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