



**GOVERNMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF SAMOA**  
**Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

**Note: 23/176**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Independent State of Samoa presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of the State Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note No. ICC-ASP/22/SP/01 dated 19 December 2022, seeking nominations for Judge to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and its election procedures.

The Ministry has further the honour to inform that the Government of Samoa presents the nomination of Justice Vui Clarence Nelson, as a candidate for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court for the period 2024-2033 at the elections scheduled to be held during the Twenty Second Session of the Assembly of States Parties from the 4 – 14 December 2023 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York.

The Government of Samoa firmly believes that Justice Nelson is highly competent and possesses the relevant qualifications and experience that satisfies the required attributes under paragraphs 3, 4 and 8 of article 36 of the Rome Statute.

The Ministry has further the honour to advise that the statement prepared in accordance with article 36 paragraph 4 (a) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the curriculum vitae of Justice Nelson are attached to this note. Justice Nelson is presented as a candidate under **List A**.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Independent State of Samoa avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of the State Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court the assurances of its highest consideration.

**APIA, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Secretariat**  
**Assembly of State Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC**  
**The Hague, Netherlands.**

