

Amani Cirimwami, Ezéchiél (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

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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 Ezéchiél 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.
