Peyró Llopis, Ana (Spain)

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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.