

Nangela, Deo John (United Republic of Tanzania)

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Statement of qualifications

This statement in support of the candidature of **Dr. Deo John Nangela** is submitted in accordance with **article 36 of the Rome Statute** of the International Criminal Court and the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the International Criminal Court (**ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended**).

The United Republic of Tanzania nominates Dr. Deo John Nangela as its candidate for election to the International Criminal Court for the term 2027–2036, to be held at the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 7 to 17 December 2026.

In nominating Dr. Nangela, the United Republic of Tanzania followed the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in the United Republic of Tanzania, in accordance with article 36 (4) (a) (i) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Dr. Nangela is a highly distinguished jurist whose career exemplifies judicial independence, integrity, and excellence in criminal justice. With over **25 years of experience** as a prosecutor, judge, academic, and judicial administrator, his qualifications fully satisfy the requirements set out in article 36(3)(a) of the Rome Statute and resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6.

Below follows detailed information in accordance with article 36 of the Rome Statute:

a) High moral character, impartiality and integrity (*article 36 (3) (a)*)

Dr. Deo John Nangela is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and possesses the qualifications required in the United Republic of Tanzania for appointment to the highest judicial offices, within the meaning of article 36 (3) (a) of the Rome Statute.

He currently serves as a Justice of the Court of Appeal of Tanzania, the apex judicial body of the country. His elevation to this office reflects the confidence of the legal community in his ethical conduct, independence, and sound judicial temperament.

Previously, as Judge-in-Charge of the High Court of Tanzania (Sumbawanga Zone), Dr. Nangela exercised both judicial and administrative authority over criminal, civil and commercial matters across multiple regions. In this capacity, he demonstrated exceptional leadership in ensuring judicial efficiency, accountability, and public confidence in the administration of justice.

Throughout his career as a judge, prosecutor, regulator and academic, Dr. Nangela has consistently upheld the rule of law and the highest standards of judicial ethics.

b) Competence in criminal law and procedure and relevant professional experience (*article 36 (3) (b)*)

Dr. Nangela fulfils the requirements of article 36 (3) (b) (i) of the Rome Statute by virtue of his extensive competence in criminal law and criminal procedure.

He began his legal career at the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, where he prosecuted serious criminal offences and acquired solid experience in criminal investigations, assessment of evidence, and trial proceedings. As a Judge of the High Court and later the Court of Appeal, he has adjudicated a wide range of criminal cases and appeals involving vulnerable victims, human rights, gender-based violence particularly against women and children gaining comprehensive experience at both trial and appellate levels which are direct relevant to the mandate and work of the ICC.

Occupying senior judicial offices, Dr. Nangela is accustomed to managing factually and legally complex criminal cases, delivering reasoned judgments in accordance with due process and fair trial guarantees.

In addition, Dr. Nangela possesses extensive experience relevant to article 36 (3) (b) (ii) of the Rome Statute. He has demonstrated strong competence in international law, international criminal law, and human rights law, both in judicial practice and academia. He has taught criminal law, international criminal law, and human rights law at the University of Dar es Salaam, contributing to the development of legal expertise in Tanzania and globally.

c) Language proficiency (*article 36 (3) (c)*)

Dr. Nangela is a native Swahili speaker and has an excellent command of the English language, both orally and in writing, therefore fully capable of working in one of the working languages of the Court.

d) List designation and article 36 (8) (a) information

Dr. Deo John Nangela is being nominated for inclusion in List A for the purposes of article 36 (5) of the Rome Statute. The information relating to article 36 (8) (a) (i)–(iii) is as follows:

- (i) Dr. Nangela has been trained, qualified and continues to practise in a professional legal capacity in the United Republic of Tanzania, which has a Common Law legal system;
- (ii) He is a national of the United Republic of Tanzania, a Member State of the African Group;
- (iii) He is a male judge.

e) Particular expertise (*article 36 (8) (b)*)

Dr. Nangela has acquired particular expertise within the meaning of article 36(8)(b) of the Rome Statute through his extensive prosecutorial and judicial experience in cases of vulnerable and marginalised group such as victims of rape and other forms of sexual and gender-based violence against women and children, as well as atrocities against persons with albinism. In doing so, he ensured the protection of witnesses while upholding due process standards consistent with international criminal law. His experience reflects a deep understanding of the evidentiary, procedural, and psychosocial complexities inherent in cases involving marginalise groups.

In addition, he has also handled cases involving violations of fundamental human rights, cartel activity and transnational economic crimes, including market abuse and financial fraud, before the Fair Competition Commission, the Fair Competition Tribunal, and the Court of Appeal of Tanzania.

f) Nationality

Dr. Deo John Nangela is a national of the United Republic of Tanzania and does not possess the nationality of any other State.

g) Availability and commitment

Dr. Nangela is fully aware of the responsibilities, independence requirements, and workload associated with the office of Judge of the International Criminal Court. If elected, he will take all necessary measures to devote himself exclusively to the functions of the Court, in full conformity with the Rome Statute.
