

Fernandez, Julian (France)

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Statement of qualifications

France nominates Professor Julian Fernandez for election as a member of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges of the International Criminal Court.

This statement is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 (c) of Article 36 of the Rome Statute, in relation to the preparatory process leading to the election of the members of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges of the International Criminal Court by the Assembly of States Parties.

The nomination of Mr Julian Fernandez, whose curriculum vitae is submitted with this statement, fulfils all the requirements of the Terms of Reference for the establishment of an Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges, annexed to resolution ICC-ASP/10/Res.5 adopted by the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned Terms of Reference stipulates that the “Members of the Committee should be drawn from eminent interested and willing persons of a high moral character, who have established competence and experience in criminal or international law”. Mr Julian Fernandez's nomination fully meets these criteria in every respect.

First and foremost, he has an established and in-depth knowledge as well as an extensive experience of international criminal law and the International Criminal Court. A professor of public law at the University of Paris-Panthéon-Assas, on secondment to Galatasaray University (Turkey), Julian Fernandez has a long-standing interest in international criminal justice. He wrote his dissertation on the topic of “*The United States’ foreign legal policy towards the International Criminal Court*”. For more than ten years, he has taught international criminal law, international humanitarian law and international human rights law in France and abroad. He is currently co-director of the ‘Human Rights and International Justice – International Criminal Justice’ Master's programme at the Panthéon-Assas University.

Professor Julian Fernandez also stands out for the quality of his scientific work. He is the founder and co-director of one of the most important scientific events in international criminal law in the French-speaking world, the “*Journées de la justice pénale internationale*”, an annual conference bringing together the best academics and practitioners specialising in this field. He is also the author of numerous legal publications on the subject – including an authoritative handbook on international criminal law – and has edited or coedited several works, including the French-language reference work on the International Criminal Court, the ‘Article-by-Article Commentary on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court’.

Mr Julian Fernandez also served for more than ten years as an assessor at the French National Court of Asylum, which has jurisdiction to rule on appeals lodged by asylum seekers whose initial application has been rejected. In this capacity, he was in a position to appreciate the qualifications required to perform the role of judge.

Last but not least, Mr Julian Fernandez has demonstrated his mastery of the skills required to be a member of the Committee through his term of office as a member of this Committee from 2021 to 2024, of which he is Vice-Chairman.

In all his roles, Professor Julian Fernandez has demonstrated great integrity, unwavering impartiality and, above all, outstanding moral standards. Already elected to the Advisory Board for a first term in 2021, he was also selected by his peers to serve as Vice-Chairman.

France is convinced that the professional experience and qualifications of Mr Julian Fernandez will provide a valuable contribution to the work of the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges of the International Criminal Court.
