

## **SIFUENTES, Mônica Jacqueline (Brazil)**

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### **Statement of qualifications**

This statement is submitted according to paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the Procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (ICC-ASP/1/Res.7).

Ms. Mônica Sifuentes meets all the conditions for nomination outlined in paragraph 1 of the above resolution: high moral character, impartiality, integrity, and experience in dealing with victims of international crimes.

Ms. Mônica Sifuentes is a Federal Judge at the Regional Federal Tribunal (Sixth Region) of Brazil, where she currently serves as the President of the Court. Her experience is proven through her work as a Federal Judge for the past 32 years, in which she has analyzed the most serious and complex international and transnational criminal cases, including federal political crimes. Additionally, she has gained considerable knowledge of global issues through her adjudication of international cases involving drug trafficking and crimes covered by treaties or conventions, particularly those related to human rights issues.

She has developed expertise in cases involving international trafficking in persons, especially those related to the trafficking of women. Ms. Sifuentes has also worked on addressing the needs of the victims of such crimes. Additionally, she served for over 13 years as the Liaison Judge in Brazil for the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. In this role, she facilitated the resolution of international disputes concerning the international abduction of children, participated as an official member of the Brazilian Delegation in several meetings, and provided responses to numerous inquiries from foreign judges regarding the operations of the Brazilian judicial system, its laws, and procedures.

In 2020 she was nominated as the Brazilian candidate for election as a Judge of the International Criminal Court, under the terms of article 36, paragraph 4(a)(i), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, i.e. by the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Brazil.

On March 23, 2022, Ms. Sifuentes was awarded the Bertha Lutz Diploma, bestowed by the Federal Senate in recognition of her significant contribution to the defense of women's rights and gender matters.

The Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims is responsible for overseeing the provision of resources and coordinating assistance projects. Members of the TFV need to have representative functions, administrative skills, and contribute to fundraising efforts. Ms. Mônica Sifuentes is well-suited for this role due to her expertise in criminal law and international criminal law, as well as her managerial skills gained from her experience as the first President of the newest Court in Brazil, the 6th Federal Court of Appeals, which was established in August 2022.

There exist no affiliations or engagements that could cause any prejudice to Ms. Sifuentes' impartiality or integrity as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims.

Based on the above considerations the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute can be confident in investing Ms. Sifuentes' experience and knowledge into the position of a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims.

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