

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

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### **Note verbale**

The Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute and has the honour nominate Judge Mônica Jacqueline Sifuentes for the seat allocated to the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC) on the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court, in the elections to be held during the twenty-third session of the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC.

Judge Sifuentes, whose curriculum vitae is enclosed herewith, meets all the conditions for nomination outlined in paragraph 1 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: high moral character, impartiality, integrity, and experience in dealing with victims of international crimes.

As Federal Judge at the Regional Federal Tribunal (Sixth Region) of Brazil, where she currently serves as the President of the Court, Judge Sifuentes obtained extensive experience over the last 32 years, whilst analysing 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. Throughout her career, Judge Sifuentes has developed expertise in cases involving international trafficking in persons, especially those related to the trafficking of women, focusing on addressing the needs of the victims of such crimes. She also 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 23 March 2022, Ms. Sifuentes was awarded the Bertha Lutz Diploma, bestowed by the Federal Senate in recognition of her significant contribution to the defence of women's rights and gender matters.

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