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Statement of qualification

Since 2015, I have had the honour of serving as a member of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) of the International Criminal Court. During my tenure, I have been elected rapporteur for several sessions (2018, 2020–2022) and Vice-Chair (2019), contributing actively to the Committee’s deliberations and drafting of reports. My work has focused in particular on ensuring sound financial stewardship, enhancing transparency, and strengthening the Court’s budgetary planning and implementation processes. In recent years, I have concentrated on the Court’s information technology and information management budgets, including the IT/IM Security Blueprint, supporting balanced and sustainable investment while safeguarding core judicial functions.

I currently serve as Director General of Statistics Estonia, leading a national institution of 300 staff with responsibility for official statistics, data governance, and digital innovation in the public sector. I am also a bureau member of the OECD Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy and the UNECE Conference of European Statisticians. Previously, I held senior positions at the National Audit Office of Estonia, including as Director, where I oversaw performance audits on public sector efficiency, financial accountability, and ICT development. I also served as a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration Financial Committee (2017–2020). These roles have provided me with wide-ranging expertise in international financial oversight, audit, governance, and strategic management.

I hold an Executive Master of Public Administration from the Hertie School of Governance (Berlin) and a degree in public administration from the University of Tartu, complemented by international study experience in Denmark, Finland, and Germany. I am fluent in English and Estonian, with working knowledge of Russian and basic French.

Through nearly a decade of work in the CBF, combined with extensive professional experience in financial oversight, audit, and data-driven governance, I bring a proven commitment to the principles of accountability, transparency, and efficiency in the management of international institutions. If re-elected, I would continue to contribute actively to the work of the Committee, ensuring that the Court’s resources are used effectively in support of its mandate and in line with the trust placed in it by States Parties.
