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in The Netherlands**

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The Embassy of Italy to the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of State Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and has the honour to refer to the communication by the Secretariat of the Assembly of State Parties concerning the nomination procedure for the election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance dated 17 March 2026 (ICC-ASP/25/SP/55).

The Embassy of Italy to the Kingdom of the Netherlands has the honour to also refer to the resolutions of the Assembly of State Parties to the Rome Statute on the establishment of the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.4, as amended by ICC-ASP/2/Res.5 and ICC-ASP/4/Res.6) and on the procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.5 as amended by ICC-ASP/2/Res.4), adopted by the Assembly at its first and second session.

In view of the election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance that will take place during the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly of State Parties, scheduled to be held in New York from 7 to 17 December 2026, Italy has the honour to nominate Mr. Marco Blasi to the seat reserved for the Group of Western European and Other States.

Mr Marco Blasi has a long-standing recognized experience in financial matters at the international level. For fourteen years Mr Blasi has served as a senior manager in the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the ICC, taking care of financial matters and administration to all key operations that are part to the core mandate of the OTP. Throughout this experience, Mr Blasi has actively engaged with all relevant stakeholders, both within the ICC system, among State Parties, and the CBF, to exchange informed views regarding financial matters of the Court.

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During his career at the OTP, Mr Blasi has also first-handedly worked on the budget proposals presented by the ICC for each financial year, co-ordinating with all the organs of Court, which is one of key topics of negotiations among State Parties to the Rome Statute. Mr Blasi has managed the implementation of the budget within the OTP, respecting the guidelines provided by State Parties, has represented the OTP in various inter-organ commitees, and has provided strategic financial leadership in support of the organizational functionality of the Court. Given his substantial knowledge of the ICC complexities in terms of financial matters as well the dynamics within the diplomatic representatives in the Hague, Mr Blasi's experience would allow him to make a pivotal contribution to the work of the CBF.

Before his service at the ICC, Mr Marco Blasi also gathered an extensive experience of financial issues in the private sector, working as financial officer for relevant international companies and consulting agencies. Mr's Blasi's ability to navigate complex financial environments, lead multidisciplinary teams, and deliver results in a dynamic and international context demonstrates a strong commitment to accountability, transparency, and organizational impact.

The Embassy of Italy has the honour to attach Mr Blasi's CV.

The Embassy of Italy avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of State Parties the assurances of its highest consideration.

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