

SAWADA Satoko (Japan)

Statement of Qualifications

1. Professional Background and Experience

Ms. Sawada Satoko has served as a diplomat at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, meeting the requirements set out in the terms of reference of the CBF. She has extensive experience in the financial and budgetary affairs of international organizations, as well as in international law and dispute settlement. She is currently serving as First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva.

2. Experience in Multilateral Fora

Ms. Sawada has broad experience of engaging with international organizations across a wide range of fields. In her current post in Geneva, she oversees budgetary, governance and management matters of various organizations, including IOM, OCHA and UNDRR, and actively participates in intergovernmental discussions on behalf of Japan. In the context of the UN80 Initiative, she has been engaged in discussions on financial sustainability and the efficient allocation of resources, working closely with member states on budgetary and organizational reform. Prior to her current posting, she was responsible for legal affairs relating to international judicial bodies, including the ICC, ICJ and PCA.

3. Understanding of the ICC

Ms. Sawada has a comprehensive understanding of the ICC and its operations. Having served in the International Judicial Proceedings Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she has acquired in-depth knowledge of the Rome Statute and the ICC rules and regulations, which will be a significant asset in fulfilling her duties on the CBF.

4. Analytical and Drafting Capabilities

Ms. Sawada has developed strong analytical and drafting skills through her professional experience. In Geneva, she has analyzed budgets and financial reports of multiple international organizations and engaged in related intergovernmental discussions. Through her work in the Economic

Dispute Settlement Division, she has drafted detailed legal analyses and written submissions in the context of complex WTO and international arbitration proceedings. These experiences have equipped her with the analytical rigor and drafting precision required for the preparation of CBF reports and recommendations to the Assembly of States Parties.

5. Communication and Administrative Skills

Ms. Sawada possesses strong communication and organizational skills. As a member of the organizing committee of the Tokyo International Law Seminar (TILS), she managed administrative issues and led logistical negotiations with key stakeholders, demonstrating her ability to facilitate collaboration in complex international settings.

6. Language Proficiency

In addition to her native Japanese, Ms. Sawada speaks English fluently and French at an intermediate level. She is also admitted to the New York State Bar, reflecting her high level of proficiency in legal English.

For all the above reasons, Ms. Sawada is well qualified to become a member of the Committee on Budget and Finance of the ICC and will make a valuable contribution with her extensive international diplomatic, legal and financial expertise.