

Kwon, O-Gon (Republic of Korea)

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Statement of qualifications

Statement submitted in accordance with resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.6, adopted by the Assembly of States Parties, relating to the establishment of a fund for the benefit of victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court, and of families of such victims; and resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7, adopted by the Assembly of States Parties, relating to the procedure for the nomination and the election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of the victims

Judge O-Gon Kwon, former President of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) of the International Criminal Court (ICC), and former Judge and Vice-President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), meets the requirements set out in the resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7. He is a person of high moral character, impartiality, and integrity; and has competence in the assistance to victims of serious crimes.

Judge Kwon has established competence and experience in criminal and international law as specified in his Curriculum Vitae. He has extensive practical and academic experience in the areas of criminal procedure, the law of evidence, court management, and international law.

Judge Kwon was admitted to the Korean Bar in 1979, started his legal career as a Judge of Seoul Civil District Court and later worked as the Assistant Legal Advisor to the President of the Republic of Korea (1981-1984) and Presiding Judge of numerous courts, including Changwon District Court, Suwon District Court, Seoul District Court, and Daegu High Court (1993-2001). Judge Kwon also served as the Planning Director of the Ministry of Court Administration (1990-1992) and Research Judge (1992-1993) of the Supreme Court of Korea and Director of Research of the Constitutional Court of Korea (1997-1999). As such, he took important part in the national litigation system, criminal justice system, and court management.

Following his domestic career, Judge Kwon has developed well-established expertise also in the international court system and practice including the ICC. He was elected President of the ASP of the ICC and served in that position for about three years (2017-2021). During his mandate as the ASP President, Judge Kwon successfully launched the ICC Review process, which is still on-going. He also led the TFV monitoring visit to Uganda from 19 to 23 February 2017. Prior to this, he served as one of the Permanent Judges of the ICTY for 15 years (2001-2016), and held the position of Vice-President of the Tribunal from 2008 to 2011. During his mandate at the ICTY, he sat on the trial of Slobodan Milošević, former President of the Republic of Serbia and of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and presided over the trial of the former Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadžić.

He also served as a member of the Independent Panel for the ICC Election, which was set up by the Coalition for the ICC (2010-2013). Currently he is serving as a member of the Advisory Committee on Nomination of Judges (ACN) of the ICC (2024-2027).

For all the above reasons, the Republic of Korea is highly confident that Judge Kwon qualifies to become a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of the victims, and will extensively contribute to the work of the Board with expertise and in a collegial manner.
