

Monroy Cabra, Marco Gerardo (Colombia)

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Note verbale

The Embassy of Colombia to the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to inform the Secretariat that Colombia has decided to nominate Dr. Marco Gerardo Monroy Cabra as a candidate for the post of judge at the International Criminal Court at elections to be held during the eighth session of the Assembly of States Parties in The Hague in November 2009.

Dr. Monroy Cabra has been nominated in accordance with the terms of article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (ii), of the Rome Statute; he stands for election on list B, pursuant to the provisions of article 36, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute.

The letter of nomination of the Colombia National Group at the Permanent Court of Arbitration, a statement in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Rome Statute and with paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, and the curriculum vitae of Dr. Monroy Cabra are attached hereto.

Letter from Colombia's National Group at the Permanent Court of Arbitration

In our capacity as members of the National Group of Colombia at the Permanent Court of Arbitration, and in accordance with the provisions of article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (ii), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, we have the honour to present the candidature of Dr. Marco Gerardo Monroy Cabra for the post of judge at the International Criminal Court.

Dr. Marco Gerardo Monroy Cabra was Judge and President of the Constitutional Court. One constant in his career here has been the defence and protection of human rights, it being one of the functions of the constitutional jurisdiction in Colombia to guarantee the immediate protection of human rights in the light of the Political Constitution and the international human rights treaties to which Colombia is party. Similarly, Dr. Monroy Cabra has held other important positions in the judicial branch of government, such as President and Judge of the Disciplinary Court (Tribunal Disciplinario), Vice-President of the Superior Council of the Administration of Justice (Consejo Superior de la Administración de Justicia) and Judge of the Constitutional Chamber (Sala Constitucional) of the Supreme Court of Justice (Corte Suprema de Justicia), among many other activities.

In the international arena, he was a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) for 10 years, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Conferences on Private International Law in Panama and Montevideo, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs at the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Colombian delegate to a number of international conferences. His accomplishments in these areas have won him public acclaim in Colombia for his outstanding academic, moral and professional qualities.

We therefore kindly request you to include the name of Dr. Marco Gerardo Monroy Cabra in the list of candidates for election to the post of judge at the International Criminal Court in accordance with article 36, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute, in list B.

Signed:

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