Fulford, Adrian (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

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Note verbale

Her Majesty's Britannic Embassy presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and, with reference to the decision of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties (ICC-ASP/17/SP/03), taken at its third meeting on 29 January 2018, has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the United Kingdom has decided to nominate Lord Justice Adrian Fulford for reelection to the Advisory Committee on Nominations, at the elections to be held during the seventeenth session of the Assembly of States Parties in The Hague from 5 to 12 December 2018.

The United Kingdom has the honour to enclose a statement of qualifications and a copy of Lord Justice Fulford's curriculum vitae. The United Kingdom considers that Lord Justice Fulford fulfils the requirements of the criteria established in the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee. Lord Justice Fulford was called to the Bar in 1978 and became a Queen's Counsel in 1994. He was made a Recorder of the Crown Court in 1995, and was re-appointed in 2001 before becoming a judge of the High Court on 21 November 2002. Lord Justice Fulford was elected to serve as one of the 18 judges of the International Criminal Court in 2003 for a term of nine years, and was assigned to the Trial Division. Until he began presiding over the Lubanga Case in 2005, he continued working as a High Court judge, presiding over a number of high-profile cases, including the trial of the 21/7 London bombers. He was a presiding judge of the South Eastern Circuit from 2009 until he was appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal on 10 May 2013, and became the Deputy Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales on 1 January 2015. He then served as the Senior Presiding Judge from 1 January 2016 until 31 March 2017. On 27 February 2017, Lord Justice Fulford was appointed to the role of Investigatory Powers Commissioner. He remains a Lord Justice of Appeal.

Lord Justice Fulford is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and possesses the qualifications required for appointment to the highest judicial office in England and Wales.