

## **Adsett, Hugh (Canada)**

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### **Note verbale**

The Embassy of Canada presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honour, with reference to the Secretariat's note ICC-ASP/10/S/CBF/05 of February 7, 2011, to inform that the Government of Canada has decided to present the candidature of Mr. Hugh Adsett for election to the Committee on Budget and Finance of the International Criminal Court at the election to be held during tenth session of the Assembly of States Parties in New York in December 2011.

Mr. Adsett has in-depth experience relating to the finances and management of international judicial institutions. From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Adsett was Chair of the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and, as such, he was responsible for ensuring the Management Committee, composed of representatives of several United Nations Member States, was able to carry out its responsibility for ensuring the effective and efficient management of the Court, in particular by providing detailed review and oversight of the Court's budget, providing timely review of proposals to enhance efficiencies, leading annual visits to the Court, facilitating contact and relationships between the Court and United Nations Member States in New York, and maintaining ongoing outreach to United Nations Members States on behalf of the Management Committee. Prior to being Chair, Mr. Adsett was a member of the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone from 2004 to 2005.

Mr. Adsett is currently the Director of the Criminal, Security and Diplomatic Law Division at Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. In addition to providing advice support and advocacy on international law as it relates legal cooperation and assistance in civil and criminal matters, transnational crime, anti-corruption and anti-terrorism, and privileges and immunities, Mr. Adsett is responsible for managing a team of thirteen lawyers, paralegals and support staff, and managing the divisional budget and staffing.

Previously, Mr. Adsett was the Legal, Economic and Social Affairs Counsellor at Canada's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York. In this capacity, he was Canada's representative on the Sixth (Legal) Committee. He was also a member of Canada's delegation to the Assembly of States Parties for its fourth, fifth and sixth sessions.

Mr. Adsett's broad knowledge of the International Criminal Court and international criminal law, as well as his relevant experience as the Chair of the Special Court for Sierra Leone Management Committee, would be important assets for the Committee on Budget and Finance as it reviews and examines the budget, human resources and other infrastructure requirements of the Court. His significant knowledge and experience with the budgetary issues of international judicial institutions attest to his fulfilment of the requirement, set forth in paragraph 2 of the annex to the resolution establishing the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.4), that members of the Committee are experts of recognized standing and have experience in financial matters at the international level.

A detailed statement of Mr. Adsett's qualifications is attached to this note.

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