

Cathala, Bruno (France)

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Note verbale

The French Embassy presents its compliments to the International Criminal Court, (Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties), and has the honour to inform it that the Government of the French Republic has decided to nominate Mr. Bruno Cathala, currently President of the Evry *Tribunal de Grande Instance*, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Paris Court of Appeal, for a post of judge at the International Criminal Court in view of the elections to be held in New York during the tenth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute, to be held from 12 to 21 December 2011.

The nomination of Mr. Cathala for this election has been made pursuant to article 36 (4) (a) of the Rome Statute “by the procedure provided for the nomination of candidates for the International Court of Justice in the Statute of that Court”.

Accordingly, the French group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration submitted the application to the government following a public call for applications.

As described in his curriculum vitae and in the detailed document prepared pursuant to article 36 (4) (a) of the Rome Statute, appended hereto, Mr. Bruno Cathala has the qualities required under paragraph 3 of that article.

Mr. Cathala possesses all of the competencies and experience required by the Rome Statute in the area of criminal law and procedure, as well as the necessary practical experience of criminal trials.

For over three years, Mr. Bruno Cathala, a French judge with high level judicial responsibilities, has presided over the Evry *Tribunal de Grande Instance*, one of the most important courts in France, which hears many demanding and complex criminal cases, and the seat of the Assize Court, responsible for trying the most serious offences. From 1990 to 1994, Mr. Cathala was also President of the Montargis *Tribunal de Grande Instance*, and from 1996 to 1999, he was Vice-President of the Créteil *Tribunal de Grande Instance*, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Paris Court of appeal.

Since the start of his career, Mr. Cathala has acquired a thorough-going knowledge of issues relating to the protection of children and child victims. Thus, from 1983 to 1987, he sat as a judge in the juvenile courts, with responsibility for the protection of persons under the age of eighteen and for juvenile delinquency. From 1987 to 1990 he was a college lecturer, responsible for training future juvenile court judges at the *Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature* (French National Judicial Training School), and thereafter, from 1994 to 1996, he was deputy director responsible for juvenile judicial protection at the French Ministry of Justice. In his capacity as inspector of judicial services, from 1999 to 2001, he prepared, in particular, a report on Child Welfare.

Mr. Bruno Cathala has extensive experience of international criminal courts and tribunals, having held the position of Deputy Registrar of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia from 2001 to 2002, and having been the first Registrar of the International Criminal Court from 2003 to 2008.

Mr. Cathala is of solely French nationality, and a candidate on list A under article 36 (5) of the Rome Statute.
