

Statement of qualifications

Detailed statement submitted in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a), of the Rome Statute and paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6 of the Assembly of States Parties relating to the procedure for the nomination and election of judges to the International Criminal Court

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius hereby nominates Honorable Justice Vinod Boolell as candidate for election as judge of the International Criminal Court at the election to be held during the tenth session of the Assembly of States Parties, from 12 to 21 December 2011 in New York.

The nomination of Justice Vinod Boolell, whose curriculum vitae is annexed hereto in English and French, was made pursuant to the provisions of article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (ii), 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".

Justice Vinod Boolell is being nominated for inclusion in List A, comprised of candidates with "established competence in criminal law and procedure, and the necessary relevant experience, whether as judge, prosecutor, advocate or in other similar capacity, in criminal proceedings" (see article 36, paragraph 3 (b) (i) and paragraph 5 of the Statute of the Court).

Justice Vinod Boolell fulfils all the conditions of experience and seniority required for appointment to the highest judicial offices, as stipulated by article 36, paragraph 3 (a), of the Statute of the Court.

Although a candidate who qualifies for inclusion in List A is not required to have the alternative qualification required for List B, Justice Vinod Boolell has the competence and a vast experience as required under Article 36 (3) (b) (ii) which also qualify him for List B.

Justice Vinod Boolell has a career of over forty years and has wide experience in the practice of law as a judge both in Mauritius and with the United Nations Interim Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), as an advocate and as a prosecutor as well as in teaching criminal law and criminal procedure law, evidentiary proceedings, human rights, constitutional and administrative law and employment law.

Justice Vinod Boolell is currently a judge of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) and is based in Nairobi. He served as the first president of the UNDT, which initiated one of the greatest reforms of the judicial system within the United Nations, from 1 July 2009 until 30 June 2010. His duties consist in dealing with all disputes arising between staff members of the United Nations and the Secretary General. These disputes relate to contracts of employment including, interim orders to suspend an administrative action relating to a contract of employment, disciplinary matters, financial issues and mediation. He has also been closely involved in the drafting of the Rules of Procedure of the UNDT and presented the Rules to the sixth committee of the General Assembly for approval. The Rules were adopted without any amendment.

Justice Vinod Boolell has served as an international judge with the United Missions in Kosovo (UNMIK) from 2002 to 2009. From 2008 to the end of the mission in February 2009, he served as acting Chief International Judge and was responsible for the smooth transition of the United Nations International Judiciary to the European Mission (EULEX). During his tenure, he has investigated and presided over a number of high profile criminal cases involving ethnic murders, war crimes, human trafficking, terrorism and economic crimes. Many of these cases involved an element of witness and victims protection and Justice Vinod Boolell has acquired a wide experience in dealing with this sensitive issue. He has also dealt with pre-trial matters like detentions, confirmation of indictments, international legal assistance including requests for extradition of suspected offenders.

As a Judicial Mentor from March 2001 to April 2002 in the Cambodia Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Justice Vinod Boolell was an advisor to the judges and prosecutors of the Supreme Court, trained judges and court clerks, prepared training materials, worked on legal and judicial reforms. He dealt with human rights application in the criminal justice system, the International Criminal Court, the status of the Khmer Rouge Special Tribunal.

As a prosecutor between 1972 and 1987 and as judge of Supreme Court in Mauritius between 1988 and 1998, Justice Vinod Boolell also dealt with a number of high profile criminal cases.

Justice Vinod Boolell has taught criminal law and procedure to law students and the police at the University of Mauritius for over 15 years. He holds exclusive Mauritian nationality and masters both the English and French languages.

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