

Statement of qualifications

Statement submitted in accordance with article 36, paragraph (4) (a), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6.

Judge Rosolu John Bankole Thompson is the Sierra Leone candidate for judge of the International Criminal Court. His career objective as a member of the legal profession, being very much persuaded that human aspirations cannot be realized outside the context of organized civil society, is to contribute to the global awareness that our modern civilization, with all its educational, scientific and technological sophistication remains nothing but a fragile veneer without preservation of the rule of law and the fair and impartial administration of justice, nationally and internationally.

Judge Bankole Thompson has been a member of the academic community. In this regard, he has contributed to the exploration and appreciation of the intricacies, complexities and diversity of mankind's intellectual, cultural and social heritage in so far as manifested in the evolution and application of the rule of law. As a judge of Trial Chamber I of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, he has contributed enormously to the jurisprudence of the Court and thus to international humanitarian and human rights law.

Judge Bankole Thompson demonstrated an established competence in criminal law and procedure as a judge of the High Court of Sierra Leone and as a Professor, both in Sierra Leone and the United States of America. He has also demonstrated an established competence in international law as a judge of the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Judge Bankole Thompson is a fit and proper person to be a judge of the International Criminal Court.

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