

Statement of qualifications

Statement of the fulfillment of requirements based in article 36 (3,) of the Rome Statute by Professor Leonardo Nemer Caldeira Brant, candidate of the Federative Republic of Brazil for the elections to the International Criminal Court

The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil has decided to nominate Mr. Leonardo Nemer Caldeira Brant for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court, which will be held during the thirteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties, scheduled to take place in New York from 8 to 17 December 2014. His curriculum vitae in English is attached herewith.

Professor Leonardo Nemer Caldeira Brant, a national of the Federative Republic of Brazil, has been nominated according to the procedure provided for by paragraph 4(a) (ii) of article 36 of the Rome Statute. The candidate stands for election under the list B for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute, which states that candidates must “have established competence in relevant areas of international law such as international humanitarian law and the law of human rights, and extensive experience in a professional legal capacity which is of relevance to the judicial work of the Court”.

The Government of Brazil believes that Professor Brant fully meets the requirements for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court, as established also in the terms of reference included in its note verbale ICC-ASP/13/SP/06. He is an eminent person of a high moral character with established competence in international law, as his professional and academic career clearly demonstrate. He is currently a member of the Advisory Committee of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and a member of the Advisory Committee for Nominations of the International Criminal Court, from which he will soon be resigning. He is also the Chairman of International Relations at the Brazilian Bar Association in the State of Minas Gerais.

In the academic field, Professor Brant’s excellence has been recognized both nationally and internationally. He holds a Ph.D. in International Law from Université Paris X, Nanterre, where his thesis was laureated with the “Prix du Ministère de la Recherche”. Professor Brant has published extensively in the field of international law, including books and articles in French, English and Portuguese, three of his four working languages. He is currently the International Law Professor of two top universities in Brazil and one of the Directors of the Brazilian Branch of the International Law Association. He was also Visiting Professor at the “Institut des Hautes Études Internationales – Université Panthéon-Assas Paris II” and at the “Université Paris-Ouest Nanterre la Défense”, as well as Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre, in Cambridge.

Professor Brant is a law practitioner in Brazil in the fields of international and constitutional law. He is the founder and Honorary President of the International Law Center (CEDIN-Brazil) and the Director of the Brazilian Yearbook of International Law (ABDI). He is also the Coordinator and Chief Editor of the collection “Understanding International Law”.

For the aforementioned reasons, the Federative Republic of Brazil fully recommends Prof. Brant’s nomination, as it is confident that his qualities will prove very relevant to the work as a judge in the International Criminal Court.
