

# Vukoje, Dragomir (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

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## Statement of qualifications

Statement submitted in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4, of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6, as amended by resolutions ICC-ASP/5/Res.5 and ICC-ASP/12/Res.8, annex II and ICC-ASP/14/Res.4, annex II relating to the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the International Criminal Court

### **Detailed overview of how the candidate fulfills the requirements of article 36, paragraph 3 (a)**

Considering that Judge Vukoje was appointed by the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the position of judge with the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, a position which, aside from professional qualifications, also requires that the person possesses professional impartiality and high moral standing, thus the requirement of article 36, paragraph 3 (a) is satisfied;

### **Detailed overview of how the candidate fulfills the requirements of article 36, paragraph 3 (b)**

The curriculum vitae shows, as does the position of judge of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina which Mr. Vukoje holds, that the candidate in question has performed the duties of judge since 1994 to this day and exclusively working on criminal cases, while at the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina he has performed duties of chairperson of the first instance trial chamber in cases covering crimes against humanity and values protected by international law, this being one of the most difficult fields of criminal law, he has also been a judge of the Appellate Department, Section I for War Crimes of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, again in criminal cases.

Apart from the aforesaid professional experience, we must also add that Judge Vukoje graduated at the Pan-European University "APEIRON", Banja Luka, in 2015, acquiring the law degree "Doctor of Juridical Science" defending his thesis entitled "War Crimes Trials from a Human Rights Perspective – The Applicability of Fair Trial Standards pursuant to the European Convention on Human Rights in War Crimes Cases". He has also published a number of relevant academic papers in the field of International Criminal Law (ICL).

The aforesaid shows that the candidate satisfies the criteria from article 36, paragraph 3 (b) (ii) – the field of international humanitarian law.

### **Detailed overview of how the candidate fulfills the criteria of article 36, paragraph 3 (c)**

As proof that the candidate has excellent knowledge of the French language and that he speaks it fluently, seeing as it is one of the working languages of the Court, attached please find a copy of a certificate confirming the fulfillment of the requirement in reference to the French language. Also attached is a copy of a certificate on the successful completion of English language courses.

### **A detailed overview of how the candidate fulfills the requirements of article 36, paragraph 4 (a) of the Statute**

The election of the candidate for the position in question was carried out by the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina, being the competent authority for the election of judges for all levels in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the manner as prescribed with the Law on HJPC Bosnia and Herzegovina and based on the procedure

for the proposal of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial positions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, thus satisfying the election criteria of article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (i) of the Statute.

**Information regarding which list the candidate is being nominated for pursuant to article 36, paragraph 5**

Considering that the candidate holds the qualifications as prescribed with article 36, paragraph 3 (b)(i), the candidate is nominated for List A.

**Information in connection with article 36, paragraph 8 (a) (i) – (iii) of the Statute**

When electing the candidate, the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council had in mind the provisions of article 36, paragraph 8 (a) (i) – (iii) of the Statute.

**Information as to whether the nominated candidate possesses expertise as defined with article 36, paragraph 8 (b) of the Statute**

The curriculum vitae of the candidate shows that Judge Vukoje, in his day-to-day work as a judge of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, encounters issues dealing with serious violations of international humanitarian law which requires the review of numerous legal publications and case law within such field, while at the same time he was able to exchange views with international judge colleagues who were with the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina until year-end 2012, thus expanding on his legal knowledge of other legal systems. Also, Judge Vukoje has participated in numerous seminars dealing with, among other things, the application of the European Convention on the Preservation of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms as well as in the field of international humanitarian law and has had advanced training in courts in France, Great Britain, the United States of America and in the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

**Information regarding on behalf of which State the candidate is being nominated according to article 36, paragraph 7 of the Statute**

Judge Dragomir Vukoje is a citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina and is nominated on its behalf.

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