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In accordance with the provisions of article 36 of the Rome Statute, nominations for the position of judge at the ICC may be submitted by any State Party “(i) By the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in the State in question; or (ii) By the procedure provided for the nomination of candidates for the International Court of Justice in the Statute of that Court.”

France has chosen the second option whereby French candidates are nominated by the French national group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration¹.

As part of the process to nominate the French candidate in 2013, in view of the elections taking place at the 13th ASP in December 2014, the French authorities issued a public call for nominations on the websites of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice. The French group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration scrutinised twenty-four applications to assess whether the profile of the candidates met the criteria stipulated in article 36(3) of the Rome Statute. It immediately rejected seven nominations and then held individual interviews with each of the seventeen short-listed candidates.

The nomination selected by the French group was then forwarded to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties.

¹ The names and functions of the members of the PCA are listed in its annual report. (<https://pca-cpa.org/en/news/2019-annual-report/>)