

## **Ugalde Godínez, Sergio Gerardo (Costa Rica)**

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### **Note verbale**

The Embassy of Costa Rica to the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to inform it that the Government of Costa Rica, pursuant to the decision of the national group of Costa Rica to the Permanent Court of Arbitration, acting in accordance with article 36(4)(a)(ii) of the Rome Statute of the International Court and also with the law on the promotion of cooperation with and judicial assistance to the International Criminal Court (Law No 9570), has decided to nominate Mr Sergio Gerardo Ugalde Godínez as a candidate for the role of judge of the International Criminal Court for list B (article 36(3)(ii) of the Rome Statute) for the period 2021-2030, at the elections taking place during the 19<sup>th</sup> session of the Assembly of States Parties, due to be held in New York from 7 to 17 December 2020.

Mr Ugalde is highly regarded both in Costa Rica and at an international level due to his high moral character, impartiality and integrity and possesses the qualifications required for appointment to the highest judicial offices. With over twenty five years' experience in the legal profession, he has spent the past twenty years actively practising international law, as an advocate and legal advisor and he has taken on numerous coordination and representation roles in various international legal systems, such as the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Inter-American Human Rights System, the International Court of Justice, and the International Criminal Court. He therefore has the necessary experience to undertake the professional legal duties relevant to the judicial work of the Court.

Thus, Mr Ugalde fully meets the eligibility requirements set out in article 36(3) of the Rome Statute. His qualifications and experience in international law will be a significant asset to the Court and will help to achieve the objectives of the Rome Statute. Attached are the documents in support of his nomination in accordance with note verbale no. ICC-ASP/19/SP/01 of 20 December 2019.

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