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Note No. 022

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note Verbale no: ICC-ASP/19/SP/01 of December 20, 2019 regarding the election of judges to the International Criminal Court for the period 2021-2030.

The Permanent Mission has the further honour to advise that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has nominated Justice Althea Alexis-Windsor, Judge of the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago, to fill one of the vacancies on the International Criminal Court, during elections scheduled to take place at the nineteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC, at United Nations Headquarters, New York, from December 07 - 17, 2020.

The Permanent Mission wishes to inform that the nomination is submitted in accordance with the provisions of Article 36, paragraph 3 (b) of the Rome Statute which provides that every candidate for election to the Court shall:

"have established competence in criminal law and procedure, and the necessary relevant experience whether as judge, prosecutor, advocate or in other similar capacity, in criminal proceedings."

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago attaches tremendous importance to the candidature of Justice Alexis-Windsor for election as a Judge of the Court, in keeping with Trinidad and Tobago's longstanding support for this tribunal, which predates the adoption and entry into force of the Rome Statute.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago is of the view that the Court should be composed of judges who adequately meet all of the criteria laid down in the Rome Statute. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago is therefore strongly convinced that Justice Alexis-Windsor is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and who possesses the qualifications for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Trinidad and Tobago. It is also satisfied that if elected, Justice Alexis-Windsor would make an invaluable contribution to the Court, given her knowledge and wealth of experience in the field of criminal law and procedure, both at the national and international levels.

The Statement of Qualifications and the Curriculum Vitae of Justice Alexis-Windsor are attached to this Note Verbale.

The Permanent Mission requests the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to bring this matter to the attention of States Parties to the Rome Statute to the ICC.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) the assurances of its highest consideration.



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