

Statement submitted pursuant to Assembly resolution ICC-ASP/R/Res.2, as amended by resolution ICC-ASP/3/Res.6 and in relation to article 42, paragraph 3, of the Rome Statute

In connection with the process of election of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Spain declares that Mr. Carlos Castresana Fernández fully complies with the conditions set out in article 42, paragraph 3, of the Rome Statute. It therefore declares that Mr. Castresana Fernández is a person of high moral standing, that he possesses a high level of competence and that he has extensive practical experience in the prosecution or trial of criminal cases. He further states that he has an excellent knowledge and command of at least one of the working languages of the Court.

Mr. Castresana Fernández's main qualifications in relation to the requirements set out in the Rome Statute are as follows:

- Mr. Castresana Fernández is of the highest moral character. He is of impeccable personal and professional integrity and has been the recipient of several prestigious awards and decorations at home and abroad. Throughout his career he has demonstrated a high commitment to the defence of justice and the values of International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law and, therefore, to the guiding principles of the Court. Mr. Castresana Fernández has a prestigious career as Prosecutor and extensive experience in dealing with sensitive and delicate matters in situations of pressure and even personal risk.

- Mr. Castresana Fernández has demonstrated throughout his career an excellent level of competence. He has extensive and proven national and international practical experience as a prosecutor in complex criminal cases. He has a proven track record of success in difficult investigations, indictments, trials and appeals at the national and international level (including crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court). Mr. Castresana Fernández also has significant experience in managing human resources in multicultural and multi-ethnic environments and in the budgetary management of significant amounts and resources comparable to those of the Office of the Prosecutor of the Court. He has been able to demonstrate optimal use of these resources and maximum efficiency in meeting commitments and achieving results. Mr. Castresana Fernández also has extensive leadership and communication skills.

- Mr. Castresana Fernández has extensive and in-depth practical experience in the exercise of criminal prosecution and the prosecution of criminal cases. He is a career Prosecutor with 40 years of practice both nationally and internationally. As such, he has extensive courtroom experience with 30 years of professional experience as a national prosecutor and 15 years of professional experience in international criminal investigation and prosecution. His international experience includes his mandate as head of the Commission against Impunity in Guatemala, an independent international body established by an Agreement between the United Nations and the State of Guatemala in 2007. Throughout his long experience as Prosecutor, Mr. Castresana Fernández has had to handle countless criminal cases and use all types of evidence, including scientific, electronic and digital evidence in his files. On the other hand, Mr. Castresana Fernández is a jurist of the civil law system but, due to his long international experience, he is extensively familiar with the common law system.

- Mr Castresana Fernández is fluent in both working languages of the Court (English and French) and Spanish is his mother tongue.
