



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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The Embassy of the Republic of Korea presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties and, with reference to the latter's Note No. ICC ASP/4/S/4 of 18 April 2005, has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the Republic of Korea has decided to present the candidature of Judge Song, Sang-hyun for re-election to the post of judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC) at the elections to be held during the Assembly of States Parties in January 2006.

Judge Song is a candidate on list A for the purposes of Article 36.5 of the Rome Statute. The statement submitted in accordance with Article 36.4(a) of the Rome Statute and the Curriculum Vitae of Judge Song are attached herewith.

Judge Song has established competence in criminal law and procedure, as well as in areas of international law, which are of relevance to the Court. Before being elected as ICC Judge in 2003, Judge Song has been a professor of Seoul National University Law School since 1972 and he is one of the most respected Korean scholars in the field.

The nomination of Judge Song followed the procedure for nominations of candidates to the International Court of Justice in accordance with Article 34.4 (a) (ii) of the Rome Statute. On 23 December 2004 the Korean National Group in the Permanent Court of Arbitration informed the Korean Government, that it had, after careful deliberation, decided to nominate Judge Song as a candidate for re-election as a judge of the ICC. The Government of the Republic of Korea supports the nomination of Judge Song.

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosed: as stated

The Hague, August 26th 2005

