

Monageng, Sanji Mmasenono (Botswana)

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Note verbale

The Embassy of the Republic of Botswana and Mission accredited to the International Criminal Court 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 forward herewith a statement from the Government of the Republic of Botswana presenting the Botswana candidate for the position of judge of the International Criminal Court.

The Government of the Republic of Botswana has nominated Ms. Sanji Mmasenono Monageng, as candidate for inclusion in list B pursuant to article 36, paragraph 5, of the Statute.

Justice Monageng's nomination has also been endorsed by African Union Policy Structures, namely the Executive Council and the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Botswana 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 the latter that the Government of the Republic of Botswana has decided to present Honourable Justice Ms. Sanji Mmasenono Monageng, as a candidate for the position of judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC). The election will be held at the resumed seventh session of the ICC, from 19 to 23 January 2009. Justice Monageng is being nominated under list B, pursuant to article 36, paragraph 3 (b) (ii) and article 36, paragraph 5.

Justice Monageng is a recognized authority on international human rights law and on humanitarian law, and is respected for her impartiality and integrity. She has actively participated in various conferences on the issues of human rights and humanitarian law.

In July 2003, Justice Monageng was elected a Commissioner in the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, an organ of the African Union and the only continental body that is mandated to promote and protect human and peoples' rights. She is currently serving as Chairperson of the Commission.

Justice Monageng was appointed as judge of the Courts of the Republic of the Gambia in 2006, under the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation Programme, as an expert. She is presently serving in the same capacity in the Kingdom of Swaziland. Her experience as a magistrate, commissioner and judge enabled her to acquire extensive skills and knowledge in the areas of legal analysis and writing judgments.

Prior to her judicial appointment, Justice Monageng was employed as Executive Secretary of the Law Society of Botswana, which was created by an Act of Parliament, the Legal Practitioners' Act 13/96, (Cap 61:01) Laws of Botswana. She successfully set up and

opened the office of the Society in November 1997. Justice Monageng was the first Chief Executive Officer and also the first officer of the Society, a role she performed up to January 2006.

The Government of Botswana is confident that Justice Monageng can make a valuable contribution to the work of the International Criminal Court. Her credentials fully satisfy the criteria required to serve in this high office.

Justice Monageng's curriculum vitae is attached.

The Government of the Republic of Botswana, by this note verbale, formally presents Honourable Justice Ms. Sanji Mmasenono Monageng's candidature for election to the position of judge of the International Criminal Court to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties.