

Statement in accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of Article 36 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and paragraph 7 of the Resolution of the Assembly of States Parties relating to the procedure for the nomination and election of Judges, The Prosecutor, and Deputy Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court

Dr Heng Vong Bunchhat is the candidate nominated by the Royal Government of Cambodia for election to the International Criminal Court.

Dr Bunchhat, a Cambodian national, is presently the Senior Adviser to the Government and former Deputy Minister of Justice. He, admirably, meets the requirements laid down by the Rome Statute for the choice of judges of the International Criminal Court.

Born in 1943, and educated in Cambodia, and Paris, he held prominent positions in Cambodia. He acquired an in-depth knowledge in judicial procedures and is thoroughly competent in his teaching capacity in law schools and universities in Cambodia, and in France. He was responsible for drafting the Constitution of the Khmer Republic in 1974 and the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia in 1993, and functioned as the legal draftsman in drafting the laws and regulations for the Government of Cambodia. Above all, he is one of the most prominent Members in the National Committee, which is delegated to set up the tribunals in collaboration with the United Nations to try the top Khmer Rouge leaders. Besides, his keen interest in international legal aspects and his strong enthusiasm to serve an international court respecting the independence of the judiciary, and in view of the fact that Cambodia is under-represented in the international fora, the Royal Government of Cambodia is fully convinced to present Dr Bunchhat's candidature to be considered for election as Judge of the International Criminal Court.

Dr Bunchhat, most appropriately fulfils the requirements of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph 3 (b) of Article 36 of the Rome Statute, as detailed in his curriculum vitae. His sense of integrity, impartiality and dedication in his juristic achievements is of proven record. He is a person of high moral character.

In addition, he has published legal documents in French, and various papers and articles in English, French and in Khmer, which includes the "*UN and Political Settlement of Cambodian Conflicts*"; and "*The Sentence on the Crimes Committed by the Khmer Rouge*" in regard to the establishment of the Extraordinary Chamber under the Cambodian Tribunals.

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