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Nomination of candidates for membership on the Committee on Budget and Finance of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the resolutions of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute on the establishment of the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.4, attached) and on the procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, attached), adopted at the Assembly's 1st meeting on 3 September 2002, as well as to the decision of the Assembly of States Parties concerning the period for the nomination of the candidates for membership on the Committee on Budget and Finance taken at its 3rd meeting, on 9 September 2002.

Pursuant to the latter decision, the period for the nomination of candidates for membership on the Committee on Budget and Finance will run from 1 December 2002 to 15 February 2003, and the election of the members of the Committee will take place at the second resumed session of the Assembly of States Parties, in April 2003. By the same decision the Assembly entrusted the Secretariat to circulate an official note regarding the nomination period.

The Secretary-General wishes to remind the States Parties that paragraph 1 of the resolution relating to the procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance requires that "the candidates be experts of recognized standing and experience in financial matters at the international level".

Furthermore, paragraph 6 of the same resolution stipulates that "[e]ach nomination shall specify how the candidate fulfils the requirements of paragraph 2 of the annex to the resolution establishing the Committee on Budget and Finance". The Secretary-General wishes to recall that paragraph 2 of the annex to the resolution establishing the Committee on Budget and Finance provides as follows:

Annexes enclosed

“The Assembly shall elect the members of the Committee on Budget and Finance, who should not be of the same nationality, on the basis of equitable geographic distribution. The members of the Committee shall be experts of recognized standing and experience in financial matters at the international level from States Parties. They shall carry out their duties for three calendar years and may be re-elected. Of the 12 members who are initially elected, 4 shall be elected for a period of one year, 4 for a period of two years and the remaining 4 for a period of three years”.

Pursuant to the aforementioned resolutions and decisions, the Secretary-General wishes to invite States Parties to nominate candidates for membership on the Committee on Budget and Finance. In view of these resolutions and decisions, nominations received before or after the nomination period will not be considered.

In accordance with paragraph 5 of the resolution on the procedure for the nomination and election, nominations should be communicated through the diplomatic channel to the Legal Counsel of the United Nations.

In accordance with paragraph 7 of that resolution, a list of all persons nominated, in English alphabetical order, together with accompanying documents, will be circulated to States Parties through the diplomatic channel after the nomination period closes.

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