

AIDE-MEMOIRE

Nomination for Judge of the International Criminal Court.

Professor Dr.h.c. René Blattmann

The Bolivian Government has decided to present the candidature of Professor Dr.h.c. René Blattmann for one of the posts for Judge of the International Criminal Court.

Dr. Blattmann complies with the requirements established by the Bolivian legislation to assume the highest functions in the Bolivian Judiciary Branch.

He will stand for election on list "B", for the purpose of paragraph 5, Article 36 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Dr. Blattmann is a prestigious internationally well-known and outstanding Bolivian professional with a vast experience in International Law, Criminal Law and Human Rights. He has been distinguished with the Title of **Doctor Honoris Causa**, by the University of Basle (Switzerland). He has also received several national and international awards for his important contributions to the development of law, his commitment to the respect for human rights and his efforts to improve the administration of justice.

Professor Dr.h.c. René Blattmann's Curriculum Vitae reflects a vast experience in the theoretical academic area, as well as in the practical and technical aspects of his career:

1. Academic Area

Professor of Criminal and International Law at public and private Bolivian universities.

2. Governmental activities in Bolivia

Minister of Justice and Human Rights. Dr. Blattmann focused his work in the following main objectives:

- a) To promote the systematization and modernization of the Bolivian Judiciary System.
- b) To implement the National Defense Policy, the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights and Citizen Guarantees.
- c) To lead the National Public Defense Regime.

- d) To coordinate activities with the Judicial Branch, Attorney General and the Ombudsman.
- e) To follow up and support the legal processes of the Executive Branch.

As Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Dr. Blattmann launched the National Rural Mobile Public Defense and created Human Rights Offices in conflict zones, particularly, in indigenous areas.

3. Activities within the United Nations System

United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala. Dr. Blattmann was appointed as head of "Human Rights and Justice Area", responsible for the verification and the accomplishment of the **Global Agreement on Human Rights**, established by the Peace Agreements.

4. Judicial Experience

Attorney at law within the Bolivian Judicial System since 1973.

5. International Awards

Mr. Blattmann has been distinguished with outstanding international and national awards in the area of Human Rights, such as:

- **International Prize Carl Bertelsmann 2001**, awarded by the Carl Bertelsmann Foundation Germany, 2001.
- **Doctor Honoris Causa** of the University of Basle, Switzerland, 1998.
- **Recognitions of the Andean Jurists Commission**, for his work on the defense and Preservation of Democracy and the Promotion of Human Rights", 1996.
- **The Latin American Prize of Human Rights "Monseñor Leonidas Proaño"**, awarded by the "Asociación Latinoamericana de Derechos Humanos" (ALDHU), 1995.
- **International Prize "Robert G. Storey 1995, International Award of Leadership"**, awarded by the Southwestern Legal Foundation on the Campus of the University of Texas, Dallas, USA, 1995.
- **Medal "Diosa Temis"** awarded by the National Foundation For and Interdisciplinary Studies of Colombia, 1995.
- **"Honorary Member"** of the Experts' Association on Criminal Law of Bogota and Cundinamarca, Colombia. 1995.

6. National Awards

- **Coat of Arms** in the Grade of Special Services, conferred by the City Council of La Paz, 2000.
- **Distinction** conferred by the National Chamber of Commerce "in merit to his contribution to justice and law", 1997.
- **Distinction** presented by the Superior Court of Justice of Santa Cruz "for his work on modernising the Bolivian Judicial System", 1997.
- **Distinction** presented by the Superior Court of Justice of Tarija "for his great contribution to justice in Bolivia, 1997.
- **Diploma** offered by the Association of Journalists of La Paz "for his contribution to the improvement of laws", 1996
- **"Golden Emblem "** presented by the Bolivian National Police, 1995.

7. Languages

Spanish (mother tongue), German, English and French.

The above mentioned Aide-Memoire and Curriculum Vitae reflect Dr. Blattmann's extensive experience and knowledge in the areas of Human Rights and Criminal Law, and a broad practice in court, academic activities as well as his commitment as international United Nations civil servant. These qualifications uphold Dr. Blattmann's competence to accomplish the duties of Judge of the International Criminal Court.

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