

S T A T E M E N T

**On the candidature of Mr. Ioannis Giannidis
for the election of the Judges of the International Criminal Court,
submitted in accordance with Article 36.4(a) of the Rome Statute of
the International Criminal Court and paragraph 7 of the Resolution
on the Procedure for the nomination and election of Judges, the
Prosecutor and Deputy Prosecutors of the International Criminal
Court, with reference to Article 36.3 (a), (b) and (c), 36.5, 36.8(a) and
(b) and 36.7.**

1. Mr. Ioannis Giannidis is a member of the Faculty of Law in Athens University, Section of Criminal Law and Criminology and a member of the Athens Bar. He is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity who possesses the qualifications required in Greece for appointment to the highest judicial offices. (Article 36.3(a) of the Rome Statute).
2. Mr. Giannidis fulfills the requirements of Article 36.3 b(i) of the Rome Statute. He has established competence and expertise in criminal law and criminal procedure and he is considered as one of the foremost authorities in Greece in these areas. His background is both profoundly theoretical (with publications on the foundations of criminal law) and practical (as a practicing defense attorney for the last twenty years). What should also be emphasized is his expertise as criminal lawyer in the fields of serious financial crimes, corruption and terrorism. In this context he has also dealt with international human rights standards.
3. Mr. Giannidis has an excellent knowledge and is fluent in both of the working languages of the court. Furthermore he has excellent knowledge and is fluent in German. (Article 36.3(c) of the Rome Statute).
4. For the nomination of Mr. Giannidis the requirements stated in Article 36.4 (a i) of the Rome Statute are fulfilled and he has been elected among a number of qualified candidates.

5. Mr. Giannidis is according to his qualifications nominated for the List A (Article 36.5 of the Rome Statute).
6. Mr. Giannidis has acquired his degrees in Greece and Germany and works in Greece. Both Greece and Germany belong to the Continental Legal System (Article 36,8(a i) of the Rome Statute).
7. Mr. Giannidis is a national of Greece, which is a member of the Group of Western European and Other States (Art. 36.8 (aii)).
8. Mr. Giannidis is male (Art. 36.8 (ai)ii).
9. Mr. Giannidis apart from his particular expertise as stated above under 2, has also worked on specific issues related to Art. 36.8(b). He was the leading expert and coordinator of a collective work financed by the Grotius program of the E.U. under the title of "Comparative Study of Member States legislation on child exploitation" which has been concluded in 1998 and aimed at the collection of all relative legislation on all aspects of child abuse (corporal, sexual, labour etc).

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