

STATEMENT
SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 36.4 (a) 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

1. Mr. Dimitar Gochev, being a Judge in the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Bulgaria since 1994, is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity who possesses the qualifications required in the Republic of Bulgaria for appointment to the highest judicial offices.

Mr. Gochev fulfils the requirements of both Article 36.3 (b) (i) and (ii), as is specified in his Curriculum Vitae.

Mr. Gochev has established competence in criminal law and procedure. During his judicial career, he was a Judge in the Supreme Court of the Republic of Bulgaria and he was a member of chambers, hearing criminal cases against high rank government officials (1990-1994).

Mr. Gochev also has clearly established competence in relevant areas of international law such as the law of human rights. He has been a Judge in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg for 6 years (1992-1998). Some of the most famous cases, in which ruling Mr. Gochev has participated, are: Ruiz Mateus v. Spain, Jersild v. Denmark, Vogt v. Germany, Otto Preminger v. Austria, Mac Cann v. UK, Chagal v. UK, Acdivar v. Turkey, Mendes v. Tutkey and others.

Mr. Gochev has additional extensive experience in international law. He was an arbitrator in the International Court of Arbitration in Paris (1995-1997) and he has been serving as a Judge in the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague since 2000.

His profound knowledge and extensive experience as judge are evidence of his professional legal capacity, which is of relevance to the judicial work of the International Criminal Court.

Mr. Gochev knows several foreign languages. He has an excellent knowledge of and is fluent in English and French.

The nomination of Mr. Dimitar Gochev is a result of application of both procedures, regulated in Article 36.4 of the Rome Statute. The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria took a special decision about the nomination of Mr. Gochev among 4 candidates.

2. For the purposes of paragraph 5 of Article 36 of the Rome Statute Mr. Dimitar Gochev is being nominated for inclusion in list B.
3. The information relating to subparagraphs (i) to (iii) of paragraph 8 (a) of Article 36 of the Rome Statute is as follows:
 - (i) Mr. Gochev is qualified and works in the Republic of Bulgaria, which has a Continental legal system;
 - (ii) Mr. Gochev is a national of the Republic of Bulgaria, which is a member of the Group of Eastern European States]
 - (iii) Mr. Gochev is male.
4. Mr. Gochev has throughout his rich career as judge published articles which are highly appreciated.

Mr. Gochev is an internationally recognized expert in the law of human rights. So far, he has been a professor in several universities in Bulgaria on topics relating to the human rights.
5. Mr Dimitar Gochev is a national of the Republic of Bulgaria and does not possess the nationality of any other State.