

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

a) Mr. Ivo Josipovic, a prominent expert in criminal law and procedure, including international criminal law, is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity who possesses the qualifications required in the Republic of Croatia for appointment to the highest judicial offices, as required by Article 36.3(a) of the Rome Statute.

Mr. Ivo Josipovic has established competence in criminal law and procedure, and is an internationally recognized expert. He is a distinguished professor of Criminal Procedure and International Criminal Law at the University of Zagreb where he has been teaching since 1985. He has qualified at the Bar examination of the Ministry of Justice and as a trainee judge at District Court of Zagreb. He has been a member (Legal Affairs) of the Commission of the Government of Croatia for legal assistance to prisoners of war (1992). Mr. Josipovic is author and editor of books and law review articles on international criminal law and international humanitarian law. Mr. Josipovic has been Member of the Croatian Delegation in the Preparatory Committee for the ICC and the Rome Conference and has a direct, working knowledge of the Court's legal architecture. By following closely the work of the ICTY as an expert observer for the Croatian Government and by participating as representative of Croatia before the same Tribunal in *subpoena case* (Blaskic Case) Mr. Josipovic has practical experience of the application of international humanitarian law and international criminal adjudication. Since 2000 he has been engaged in a case concerning violations of the Genocide Convention before the International Court of Justice, as a co-agent for the Croatian Government. In parallel to his academic career, Mr. Josipovic has been performing valuable advisory work to various national and intergovernmental bodies and NGOs. In his numerous activities with NGOs Mr. Josipovic has promoted the rule of law, human rights and international criminal justice (ICTY, ICC).

Mr. Josipovic is fluent in English.

He, therefore, fulfills the conditions the requirements specified in subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 3 of Article 36 of the Statute.

b) Mr. Josipovic is being nominated for inclusion in List B for the purposes of paragraph 5 of Article 36 of the Statute.

c) The information relating to subparagraphs (i) to (iii) of paragraph 8(a) of Article 36 of the Statute is as follows:

(i) Mr. Josipovic is qualified to practice law in the Republic of Croatia, which belongs to the civil law system;

(ii) The candidature of Mr. Josipovic has been presented by the Republic of Croatia, which is a member of the Eastern European Group of States;

(iii) Mr. Josipovic is male.

d) Mr. Josipovic has extensive legal expertise and experience on specific issues relevant to the work of the Court including, but not limited to, the definition and application of

international humanitarian and criminal law and the protection of prisoners of war and protection of victims and witnesses. He had practical experience in those fields during his activities in the Commission of the Government of Croatia for legal assistance to prisoners of war and during collection of evidences as the Co-Agent in genocide case before ICJ.

e) Mr. Josipovic is a national of the Republic of Croatia and does not possess the nationality of any other state.