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The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to his Note LA/COD/42(C) dated 13 September, 2002 on the nomination of Judges for the International Criminal Court, has the honour to inform that Nigeria in accordance with its procedure for the nomination of a Judge to the highest Court in the country, has nominated Justice Adolphus Karibi-Whyte as its candidate for the position of a Judge in the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the election to be held in February, 2003.

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Hon. Justice Karibi-Whyte had served in various capacities including the High Court and the Federal Court of Appeal of Nigeria before he was appointed Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, the highest court in Nigeria, in 1984. He served in the Supreme Court until he was appointed a Judge of International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in 1993, where he also served as the Vice-President of the Tribunal from 1995-1997. A highly respected jurist, an academic and a prolific writer with high moral standard, Justice Karibi-Whyte has many publications of repute to his credit. His curriculum Vitae (CV), which speaks for itself, is attached.

Nigeria believes that Justice Karibi-Whyte's personal integrity, wealth of experience, professional competence and versatility will be a great asset to the Court and the international community in the global fight against impunity and related crimes against international humanitarian law.

From the foregoing, Justice Karibi-Whyte is, undoubtedly, professionally competent in the area of criminal law and procedure as well as in the area of international humanitarian law. His unique qualifications and experience make him versatile and therefore a mature candidate for both list 'A' and list 'B'. However, for the purposes of the first election Justice Karibi-Whyte is nominated for listing in list 'A'.

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Secretary-General
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