

STATEMENT SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4 a) OF
ARTICLE 36 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

Dr. Hajnalka Kárpáti is the candidate supported by the Republic of Hungary for election to the International Criminal Court.

Ms. Hajnalka Kárpáti is a Hungarian national, presently a judge at the Prizren District Court, Criminal Division, working for the United Nations Interim Mission in Kosovo and former criminal judge at the 2nd and 3rd District Court of Budapest. Judge Kárpáti is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity, who possesses all the qualifications required in Hungary for appointment to the highest judicial offices. She fulfils the requirements of subparagraph (i) of paragraph 3 (b) of Article 36, as detailed in her curriculum vitae.

Born in 1956 and educated in Budapest, she has acquired various work experience before her studies at the Law School of the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest. The Doctoral Diploma was awarded to her in 1986. For several years - between 1993 and 2001 - she acted as judge for criminal cases, she dealt especially with crimes against property and offences against persons (presiding in cases of crimes against property and persons, non-fatal violence offences, assault and battery, sexual offences, theft and related offences, robbery, burglary, blackmail, deception etc.)

While attending a law course in London between 1995-1996 she followed several court sessions at Central Criminal Court, to gain some experience on the common law system.

On 18 July 2001 Ms. Hajnalka Kárpáti was elected as a judge for the United Nations Interim Mission in Kosovo. As her field operations performance appraisal states: Ms. Kárpáti's professional knowledge and skills are excellent, as are her analytical skills, which essentially means that a diverse range of complex problems have been tackled and solved by her. She works with a high degree of professional dedication and has proved fully capable to organise and prioritise the workload.

As an international judge of the District Court of Prizren, Ms. Kárpáti has held the authority to select and take responsibility for new and pending investigations or proceedings within the jurisdiction of the court. Ms. Kárpáti has fully exercised this responsibility with high professional discretion. She has presided in war crimes cases, murder cases with ethnic background, criminal cases related to organized crime. She has even been a reporting judge several times at the Supreme Court of Kosovo in Pristina.

As an international judge, Ms. Kárpáti has been working together with national judges, so she has earned the respect of members of the national judiciary. She is entirely aware of the importance of the complexities of local culture and custom.

Ms. Kárpáti possesses established competence in international law in general and especially in international criminal law, international humanitarian law and the law of human rights, as evidenced by her professional activities and, moreover, she is familiar with the judicial proceedings in the framework of the United Nations.

She has good written and oral expression in English, which is of extreme importance in the court settings and investigations where all proceedings are conducted through interpreters.

As an international judge she has fully understood the complexities of being an international judge, respecting the independence of the judiciary, while holding a post as a judicial affairs officer under contract with UNMIK. Ms. Kárpáti has carried out

this work in an unsophisticated working environment, in a war-thorn region of the Balkans, thus proving her ability to adapt to new requirements and to conditions of hardship and hazard.

The expertise of Hajnalka Kárpáti in national and international criminal law and procedure and her interest in international law and, above all, her experience in the UNMIK have convinced the Government of the Republic of Hungary that she meets all the requirements of paragraph 3 of Article 36 of the Rome Statute to be elected judge of the International Criminal Court.

Ms. Hajnalka Kárpáti is being nominated for inclusion in list "A" for the purposes of paragraph 5 of Article 36 of the Rome Statute.

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

- (i) Ms. Kárpáti is qualified and carries out practice in criminal law and international criminal law.
- (ii) Ms. Kárpáti is a national of Hungary, which is member of the Eastern European Group of States. She does not possess the nationality of any other state.
- (iii) Ms. Kárpáti is female.

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