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Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that as at 8 December 2002, the close of the extended period for nomination of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, no nominations had been received for the post of the Prosecutor.

It is my intention to bring this fact to the attention of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court at its resumed session to be held in New York from 3-7 February 2003 with a view to requesting it to consider, as appropriate, reopening the nomination period.

As "every effort shall be made to elect the Prosecutor by consensus", the Bureau perceives this development as an indication of the continuing interest of States Parties to consult informally first on suitable candidate(s) in order to ensure that any nominations for this post command the support of as many interested States Parties as possible. It is my earnest hope that such consultations, which the Bureau encourages, will yield positive results.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein
President

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