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The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Legal Counsel of the United Nations and with reference to the Secretary-General's Note No: LA/COD/42(c) of 13 September 2002 has the honour to communicate the nomination by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago of Mr. Karl Hudson-Phillips, Q.C. as its candidate for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court. For the purposes of Art.36 (5) of the Rome Statute, Mr. Hudson-Phillips, a national of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, has been nominated as a candidate for **List A**

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago has the further honour to transmit herewith the curriculum vitae of Mr. Karl Hudson-Phillips and the statement submitted in accordance with Art.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 the Deputy Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court.

Mr. Karl Hudson-Phillips is a distinguished national of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago with a wealth of experience in criminal law and procedure, human rights and constitutional issues, having practised for forty-three years before the Courts of the English-speaking Caribbean and having appeared before the London-based Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, Trinidad and Tobago's highest appellate court. Mr. Karl Hudson-Phillips is the endorsed candidate of the Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for this election, having received the endorsement of the Foreign Ministers of the CARICOM in September, 2002.

In addition, as President of the Law Association of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, he has contributed to improvements in the administration of justice, and in the standards of conduct and proficiency of the legal profession in Trinidad and Tobago. Through his membership of the Board of Directors of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas and the Council of the Commonwealth Law Association, he has made a noteworthy contribution in the areas of legal studies, training and professional development.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago remains committed to the development of international criminal law and to the success of the International Criminal Court and is cognisant of the need for the election of judges of the highest calibre to the Court. The Government is therefore of the view that Mr Karl Hudson-Phillips' qualifications and experience make him ideally suited for election to the Court and will enable him to make a valuable contribution to the development of the jurisprudence of the International Criminal Court.

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Legal Counsel of the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

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