Statement Submitted in Accordance with Article 36, paragraph 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

- 1. In respect of Article 36, paragraph 3 (a), Mr Karl Hudson-Phillips, Q.C., is an eminent practitioner at the criminal bar, a Queen's Counsel, and renowned constitutional expert. He is a person of high moral character, impartial and of integrity who possesses the qualifications required in Trinidad and Tobago for appointment to the highest judicial offices.
- 2. Mr Hudson-Phillips fulfils the requirements of Article 36.3 (b) (i) as outlined in his Curriculum Vitae. His established competence in criminal law and procedure is widely acknowledged in the common law jurisdictions of Trinidad and Tobago and the Eastern Caribbean, where, either as lead defence counsel or prosecutor, he has been involved in every major type of criminal prosecution, including murder, treason, fraud, misbehaviour in public office, illegal drugs, and extradition. He also has established competence in human rights matters.
- 3. With respect to Article 36, paragraph 3 (c), Mr Hudson-Phillips, is a native English speaker, and has a working knowledge of French and Spanish.
- 4. Mr. Karl Hudson-Phillips is being nominated for inclusion in list A for the purposes of Article 36 (5) of the Statute.
- 5. In respect of Article 36, (8)(a) of the Statute:
 - v) Mr Hudson-Phillips' experience is before the Courts of Trinidad and Tobago and of other States which have the common law system.
 - vi) Mr Hudson-Phillips is being nominated as a national of Trinidad and Tobago, which is a member of the Group of Latin American and

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- vii) Mr Hudson-Phillips is male.
- 6. In respect of Article 36 (8) (b), Mr Hudson-Phillips also possesses legal expertise on a wide range of issues relevant to the work of the Court. Apart from his forty three (43) years of practice at the criminal bar and as a constitutional lawyer, he has appeared in human rights matters in the Caribbean dealing with, inter alia, issues of pre-trial publicity and its effect on due process in the criminal trial. He has also appeared in several extradition matters on behalf of foreign governments and fugitive offenders. He has dealt with several sensitive cases involving serious acts of violence, most notable among them being the Grenada prosecution of former senior Government Ministers and Military officials for treason and multiple counts of murder of the former Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, members of his Cabinet, and military and civilian persons.

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