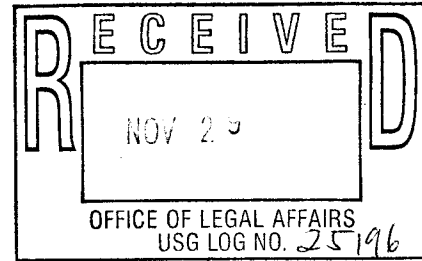




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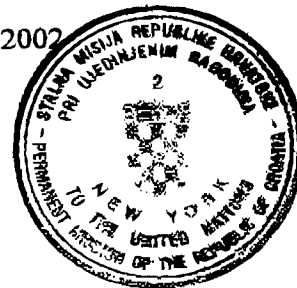
The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Legal Counsel of the United Nations and has the honour, with reference to the Secretary-General's Note No LA/COD/42(c) of 13 September and its earlier Note Verbale 605/02 of 11 November 2002 whereby the candidature of Mr. Ivo Josipović for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court has been presented, to communicate the following.

In nominating its candidate for a post of a judge of the ICC, the Republic of Croatia has followed the procedure envisaged in Article 36.4(a)(i). A preliminary notification informing all courts, law schools and other relevant institutions in the Republic of Croatia of the forthcoming elections and the requirements for nominations for the ICC judges was circulated by the Ministry of Justice in June 2002. Immediately after the opening of the nomination period in September 2002, a public announcement was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia and major daily newspapers. Following the examination of the submitted applications by the Ministry of Justice and extensive consultation, the Government of the Republic of Croatia has taken the final decision on the nomination.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Legal Counsel the assurance of its highest consideration.

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New York, 29 November 2002



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