

**THE NATIONAL GROUP OF FINLAND  
IN THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION**

Helsinki, 31 October 2002

Sir,

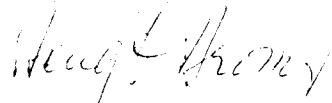
With reference to the Secretary-General's Note No LA/COD/42(c), dated 13 September 2002, concerning the nomination of candidates for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court, the national group of Finland in the Permanent Court of Arbitration has the honour to inform you that the group has, at its meeting on 23 May 2002, nominated **Dr. Erkki Kourula** as a candidate for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court. The nomination was made with due regard to Article 36 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court as well as to the procedure provided for nomination of candidates for the International Court of Justice in the Statute of that Court.

Attached to this letter, you will find the 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, as well as Dr. Kourula's curriculum vitae.

The group recognises the great significance that the first panel of judges of the International Criminal Court will have for the credibility of the Court in the early phase of its operation. We are convinced that Dr. Kourula fully meets the requirements and high expectations set for the judges of the International Criminal Court and that his outstanding expertise would be a significant contribution to the fulfilment of the Court's important duties.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of our highest consideration.

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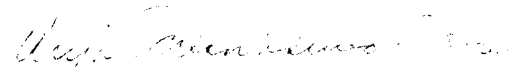
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