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The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations presents its compliments to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour, with reference to the Secretary-General's Note No LA/COD/42(c) dated 13 September 2002, to communicate to the Legal Counsel of the United Nations the nomination of **Dr. Erkki Kourula** as a candidate for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court.

Ambassador Kourula was nominated by the national group of Finland in the Permanent Court of Arbitration. A letter from the national group together with a statement specifying the qualifications of Dr. Kourula, as well as his curriculum vitae, are attached to this Note. 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, and the curriculum vitae are submitted both in English and in French.

The candidature of Dr. Kourula enjoys the support of all the five Nordic Countries.

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 1 November 2002

His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations New York

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