

**STATEMENT SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 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 OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**

**A. Mr. Georghios M. Piki is the President of the Supreme Court of Cyprus for 7½ years and has served as a Judge of the Supreme Court for 21 years. He is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and he possesses the qualifications in Cyprus for appointment to the highest judicial office in accordance with Article 36.3(a) of the Rome Statute.**

Mr. Piki fulfils the requirements of both Article 36.3(b) (i) and (ii), as it emerges from his Curriculum Vitae. He has vast experience in criminal law and criminal procedure because for more than 15 years he was a trial judge of civil and criminal cases. He has also established competence in human rights in the field of international law. He was appointed twice as an ad-hoc judge at the European Court of Human Rights. Moreover, he was elected and served as a member of the United Nations Committee Against Torture (1996-1998).

Mr. Piki, being a native Greek speaker, has an excellent knowledge of and is fluent in Greek and English (Article 36.3 c)).

**B. Mr. Píkis is nominated for inclusion in list A for the purposes of paragraph 5 of Article 36 of the Statute.**

**C. The information relating to subparagraphs (i) to (iii) of paragraph 8(a) of Article 36 of the Statute is as follows:**

- i. Mr. Píkis is qualified to practise in Cyprus, which has a "mixed legal system".  
The common law adversarial system of justice applies (with few exceptions) to civil and criminal proceedings and the continental inquisitorial system of justice applies in proceedings of judicial review of administrative action.
- ii. Mr. Píkis is a national of the Republic of Cyprus, which is a member of the Asian Group of States.
- iii. Mr. Píkis is male.

**D. Mr. Píkis has legal expertise on a wide range of legal subjects relevant to the work of the Court, including, but not limited to the following:**

- His courtroom experience includes trial of cases of serious acts of violence, including murder and rape and of other serious criminal assaults and generally of all crimes covered by the Cyprus Criminal Code. In this connection he has tried a vast number of cases, and has had to rule on complicated issues relating to the law of evidence, substantive law and practice. As a member of the Court of Appeal he has heard and decided as great number of Criminal Appeals, which involved the consideration and determination of difficult and complicated legal

issues. His judgments, which are all published in the Cyprus Law Reports, constitute a very valuable judicial precedent and many of them are considered to be the leading judgments on the issues they have covered.

- He has extensive practical experience on questions relating to constitutional and administrative law. In this respect he has pronounced judgment on a great number of cases involving serious constitutional issues, matters concerning the interpretation of the Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus and the application of human rights, which are guaranteed by the Constitution. His judgments in this sphere of the law have gained recognition as a most useful guide and binding judicial precedent.
- His experience as a Member of the Committee against Torture is considerable.

**E. The sphere of activities of Mr. Pikis in the legal field is not limited to Cyprus but covers a wide range of participation in the affairs of international bodies where his role has always been leading, creative and prominent. His participation, in this respect, includes the following:**

- **Since 1998** – Member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions.
- **Since 1999** – Member of the Circle of Presidents of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts.

Member of the ad-hoc Committee set up by the Circle of Presidents to advise on the admission of new members to the European Conference of Constitutional Courts and on other matters on which its opinion may be sought.

Due to chair the next meeting of: (a) the Circle of Presidents in 2003 and (b) The Triennial Conference of European Constitutional Courts, in 2005 that will be organized by the Supreme Court of Cyprus.

- **2000** – Keynote speaker at the Triennial Conference of the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association – Edinburgh "The Constitutional Position and Role of the Judge in a Civil Society".
- **2002** – Chaired the Commonwealth Judicial Colloquium on combating Corruption within the Judiciary – 25.6.2002 – 27.6.2002 – Limassol, Cyprus.

**F. He is the author of two books:**

- Sentencing in Cyprus.
- The English Common Law, the Rules of Equity and their application in Cyprus.

He is also the co-author of the book Criminal Procedure in Cyprus.

**G. His involvement in the legal field includes giving lectures and speeches and preparation of papers and reports on a wide range of subjects including;**

- a) Human rights, including their impact on world order.
- b) Constitutional Law.
- c) The rule of Law.
- d) The doctrine of separation of powers.
- e) Judicial independence.
- f) The Council of Europe its inception, development and its institutions.
- g) Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure.
- h) Basic Aspects of Cyprus Law.
- i) The Law of the Environment.

**H. Mr. Pikis is a national of the Republic of Cyprus and does not possess the nationality of any other State.**

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