

PERMANENT MISSION OF SAMOA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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The Permanent Mission of the Independent State of Samoa to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat, Office of Legal Affairs, and has the honour to refer to Samoa's nomination of Mr Tuiloma Neroni Slade as a candidate for election as a judge of the International Criminal Court and, with reference to the statement submitted in accordance with Article 36.4 (a) of the Rome Statute of the Court, submits the following additional information.

With respect to the requirements of Article 36.4 (i) of the Rome Statute, being the provision more approximate in application to the situation of Samoa and in the absence of a specific stipulation for a nomination procedure, Mr Slade has complied fully with the requirements for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Samoa inasmuch as he has satisfied the high moral and personal qualities as well as the legal practice qualification required under the Constitution of Samoa; and in that Mr Slade has the endorsement and support of the Prime Minister, being the person required under the Constitution to give advice on appointments to the highest judicial offices in the land, for his candidature and nomination for the International Criminal Court. Furthermore, Mr Slade has the endorsement and support of the Samoa Law Society, the professional association of lawyers, for his nomination.

The Permanent Mission of the Independent State of Samoa to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Secretariat, Office of Legal Affairs the assurance of its highest consideration.

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