

The following statement is 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, the Prosecutor and Deputy Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court:

1. Mr Tuiloma Neroni Slade, being a barrister and senior counsel of more than eight years' standing, is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity who possesses the qualifications required in the Independent State of Samoa for appointment to the highest judicial office (Article 36.3 (a));
2. Mr Slade fulfils the requirements of both sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of Article 36.3 (b), as indicated in his curriculum vitae. He has established competence in criminal law and procedure and the necessary relevant experience, as prosecutor and advocate, in criminal proceedings. He also has established competence in relevant areas of international law, in particular the law of human rights, and extensive experience in a professional legal capacity which is of relevance to the judicial work of the Court;
3. Mr Slade has an excellent knowledge of and is fluent in English (Article 36.3 (c));
4. Mr Slade is being nominated for inclusion in list A for the purposes of Article 36.5;
5. With respect to Article 36.8 (a), sub-paragraphs (i) to (iii):
 - (i) Mr Slade is qualified and has practiced in Samoa and in New Zealand, both having Common Law legal systems;
 - (ii) Mr Slade is a national of Samoa, a member State of the Asian Group; and
 - (iii) Mr Slade is male;
6. With respect to Article 36.8 (b), Mr Slade has legal expertise on a wide range of specific issues relevant to the work of the Court, including, but not limited to, violence against women and children. His courtroom experience includes dealing with cases of rape, murder and other serious cases of violence and sexual assaults.