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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations presents its compliments to Legal Counsel of the United Nations, and with reference to the Note No. LA/COD/42(c) of 13 September 2002, has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the Republic of Korea has decided to present the candidature of Professor Song, Sang-hyun for election to the post of judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC) at the elections to be held during the Assembly of States Parties in February 2003.

Professor Song is a candidate on list A for the purposes of Article 36.5 of the Rome Statute. The statement submitted in accordance with Article 36.4(a) of the Rome Statute and the Curriculum Vitae of Professor Song are attached to the Note.

Professor Song has established competence in criminal law and procedure, as well as in areas of international law which are of relevance to the Court. He has been a professor of Seoul National University Law School since 1972 and he is one of the most respected Korean scholars in this field.

The nomination of Professor Song followed the procedure for nominations of candidates to the International Court of Justice in accordance with Article 34.4(a)(ii) of the Rome Statute. On 25 November 25, 2002, the Korean national group in the Permanent Court of Arbitration informed the Korean Government that it had, after careful deliberation, decided to nominate Professor Song as a candidate for election as a judge of the ICC. The Korean Government supports the nomination of Professor Song

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew its highest consideration to the Legal

Counsel of the United Nations.

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