

MEDIA ADVISORY – 22 July 2004

International Criminal Court Selects Final Three Candidates for Deputy Prosecutor Position

Nominees from Fiji, The Gambia, and New Zealand Chosen

WHAT: The Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) today publicly announced the final selection of candidates for the position of Deputy Prosecutor (Prosecutions). The final three candidates are Ms. Fatou Bensouda from The Gambia, Ms. Nicola Crutchley from New Zealand, and Mr. Josaia Naigulevu from Fiji. Key duties of the Deputy Prosecutor (Prosecutions) include providing strategic advice to the Prosecutor in relation to prosecutions and supervision of pre-trial, trial and appeal proceedings.

WHEN: Luis Moreno-Ocampo, ICC Prosecutor, formally submitted the final list of candidates to H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'Ad Zeid Al-Hussein of Jordan, President of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court, on 15 July 2004. The ICC's call for applications for the position began on 24 February 2004 and the application deadline was 31 May 2004.

HOW: A total of 198 applications for the position were received by the ICC. The Prosecutor selected 10 candidates who were interviewed at the Court during May, June and July 2004. The final election of the Deputy Prosecutor will take place at the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) – which comprises the 94 countries who have ratified the ICC treaty – from 6-10 September in The Hague. The final candidate will be elected by secret ballot by an absolute majority of the members of the ASP. Deputy Prosecutors hold office for a non-renewable term of nine years, unless a shorter term is decided upon at the time of their election.

WHY: Article 42 of the ICC treaty, the Rome Statute, provides that the Prosecutor will be assisted by one or more Deputy Prosecutors. Deputy Prosecutors are required by the ICC treaty to be persons of high moral character and highly competent in and holding extensive practical experience of the prosecution or trial of criminal cases.

WHO: Ms. Bensouda currently serves as the Legal Advisor and Trial Attorney for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in The Hague. Ms. Crutchley is currently the Deputy Solicitor-General at the Crown Law Office in New Zealand responsible for managing Crown prosecutors and supervising criminal jury trials. Mr. Naigulevu is currently the Director of Public Prosecutions, a constitutional appointment, in Fiji. Full resumes of each of the three candidates can be accessed at: http://www.icc-cpi.int/third_session.html

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