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Mr. William Pace  
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Dear Mr. Pace:

Thank you for your email of June 22<sup>nd</sup> requesting further information about Canada's selection process for nominating Kimberly Prost for judicial election to the International Criminal Court (ICC). I apologize for the delayed reply.

Consistent with the Government of Canada's commitment to a transparent and rigorous selection process, an initial public call for qualified applications was advertised by Global Affairs Canada in the spring. In line with the relevant provisions of the Rome Statute of the ICC, the Canadian National Group (CNG) of the Permanent Court of Arbitration then met to assess the applications that were submitted.

In conducting this assessment, the CNG considered the following criteria from the Rome Statute. First, judges are to be persons of high moral character, impartiality and integrity. They must have knowledge and experience in a) criminal law and procedure, or b) relevant areas of international law. These two categories, as you are likely aware, are known as List A or List B. The applicants indicated in which list they wanted to run. In addition, judges must also have an excellent knowledge of and be fluent in English or French. When selecting judges, States Parties are to take into account the representation of the principal legal systems of the world, equitable geographical representation, and a fair representation of women and men.

With these criteria in mind, the CNG unanimously decided that Ms. Prost was the strongest applicant, and put forward her nomination. Canada then updated the ICC Secretariat and other States Parties of this nomination.

Please let me know if you have any other questions about the selection process for this nomination. Once again, thank you for your inquiry and your attention to this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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