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Your Excellency,

I am writing on behalf of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) to request States Parties to the Rome Statute to nominate and support the appointment of individuals that are competent, highly qualified and of unimpeachable integrity, to the Assembly of States Parties' Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF).

The CICC is a global network of over 2,500 member organizations drawn from more than 150 countries, which advocate for a fair, effective and independent International Criminal Court (ICC).

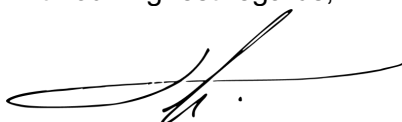
The CBF plays an important role in the functioning of the Court, as it is tasked with examining financial, budgetary, and administrative documents submitted by the Court to the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute (ASP). More importantly, the CBF makes recommendations to the ASP regarding the annual ICC Proposed Programme Budget. In view of this, the CBF must be enabled to operate independently and fairly in considering and providing objective findings and recommendations on the financial, budgetary and administrative needs of the Court every year. Obviously, the impact of the annual ICC budget in enabling the Court to realize its mandate and provide redress to victims cannot be overemphasized.

We do not, of course, as the CICC endorse or oppose any individual candidate for the CBF posts. And, equally, we call on States Parties to respect the integrity of all nomination and election procedures. In this regard, we ask all States Parties to avoid "clean-slate" elections, i.e., elections preordained by regional groups and involving the nomination of the bare minimum number of candidates for available positions. This practice has the unfortunate effect of discouraging the election of qualified and experienced individuals.

**We are therefore calling on all States Parties to nominate highly qualified and independent candidates for the CBF before the nomination period closes on 25 August 2019.** This and similar appointments to the ICC are even more significant given the increased threats and challenges confronting the Court and the Rome Statute system (RSS).

Lastly, allow me to draw your attention to the information provided by the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties on the nomination procedure and elections of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance, which appears on this webpage: [https://asp.icc-cpi.int/en\\_menus/asp/elections/committee%20on%20budget%20and%20finance/2019/Pages/2019-CBF-Nomination.aspx](https://asp.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/asp/elections/committee%20on%20budget%20and%20finance/2019/Pages/2019-CBF-Nomination.aspx).

With our highest regards,



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