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The Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the Open Society Justice Initiative request the pleasure of your company at a:

**High-Level Briefing on the occasion of the review of the procedure for the nomination and election of judges of the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC**

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10:00 – 12:30

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**Chair/Opening Remarks: Amb. Christian Guillermet (Costa Rica)**

**Panelists:**

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As the International Criminal Court faces serious challenges both internal and external, more attention is falling on how ICC judges are selected, and how that process can be improved. At its 19<sup>th</sup> session, scheduled for late 2020, the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) of the ICC will elect six new judges to fill one-third of the 18 judicial seats of the Court. Improving the integrity of the nomination and election process is a crucial step towards ensuring an effective and efficient Court. These judicial elections also mark a critical moment for the Court's future as it looks towards an almost complete turnover of leadership at its 19<sup>th</sup> session, including the appointment of a new Prosecutor.

To that end, and in the context of the ongoing facilitation by Costa Rica of the review of the procedure for the nomination and election of judges, this discussion will bring together States Parties, civil society, academia and other key stakeholders to identify how procedures for the nomination and election of ICC judges can be improved in advance of next year's elections. It will enable participants to debate existing frameworks, and propose changes to current policies and practices at both the national level and by the Assembly of States Parties that will protect and strengthen the effectiveness, independence and integrity of the ICC.

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