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Note by the Secretariat

1. The present note has been prepared pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.3 of 9 September 2002 concerning the procedure for the election of the judges for the International Criminal Court. In paragraph 10 of the resolution the President of the Assembly of States Parties is requested to distribute to all States Parties copies of the instructions and samples of the ballot papers before the day of the election.
2. The Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties, has prepared the voting requirements and a sample ballot paper for the purposes of the first election of the judges for the International Criminal Court.
3. The voting requirements (with sample ballot paper) as spelled out in the annex to the present note apply to the first ballot only. In the event fewer than the required number of judges are elected after the first ballot, the voting requirements will be adjusted and a new ballot paper will be prepared, depending upon the outcome of the first ballot or the immediately preceding ballot consistent with the requirements of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.3.

Annex

FIRST BALLOT: ELECTION OF 18 JUDGES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Please place an “X” in the box to the left of the names of the candidates for whom you wish to vote. Only those candidates whose names appear on the ballot are eligible.
2. Vote for a maximum of 18 candidates. Ballots containing votes for more than 18 candidates will be declared invalid.
3. Vote for at least 9 candidates from List A and at least 5 candidates from List B. Ballots containing votes for less than 9 candidates from List A or less than 5 candidates from List B will be declared invalid.
4. Vote for at least 3 candidates from African States;
 at least 2 candidates from Asian States;
 at least 2 candidates from Eastern European States;
 at least 3 candidates from Latin American and Caribbean States;
 and at least 3 candidates from Western Europe and Other States.
Ballots that do not satisfy these minimum regional voting requirements will be declared invalid.
5. Vote for at least 6 male and at least 6 female candidates. Ballots that do not satisfy these minimum gender voting requirements will be declared invalid.
6. If you fulfil all the minimum voting requirements in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above, using less than 18 votes, you may abstain in voting for the remaining candidates.
7. Please check ballots to ensure that votes have been cast for:
 - (a) no more than 18 candidates;
 - (b) at least 9 candidates from List A and at least 5 candidates from List B;
 - (c) at least 3 candidates from African States, at least 2 candidates from Asian States, at least 2 candidates from Eastern European States, at least 3 candidates from Latin American and Caribbean States and at least 3 candidates from Western Europe and Other States; and
 - (d) at least 6 males and at least 6 females.