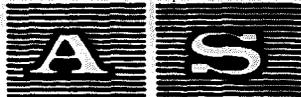


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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

The Secretary-General has the honour to submit to the General Assembly and to the Security Council the following communication, dated 13 October 1972, which he has received from Mr. Robert Ago:

"I was very flattered to learn that the national group of Belgium has proposed my name as a candidate for the election to the International Court of Justice to be held shortly.

"However, in view of my current commitments and, in particular, my task as Special Rapporteur to the United Nations International Law Commission on the topic of State responsibility, I do not feel that I am at present in a position to assume the functions of a member of the Court, as provided in Article 5, paragraph 1, of its Statute.

"Accordingly, when the national group of Italy wanted to nominate me as a candidate, I begged them to be kind enough to postpone the nomination to a later occasion. I would ask the Belgian Government to do likewise.

"I should therefore be grateful, Sir, if you would arrange for my name to be withdrawn from the list of candidates for the present election."