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## **Independent Panel on ICC Judicial Elections Issues Report** *Report Assesses Qualifications of 19 Candidates for December 2011 ICC Elections*

*Richard Goldstone, Chair, and Patricia Wald, Vice-Chair, of the Independent Panel on International Criminal Court Judicial Elections (Panel) today issued the following statement on behalf of the Panel:*

“The Independent Panel on International Criminal Court Judicial Elections issued its report today on the 19 candidates nominated for the December 2011 International Criminal Court (ICC) judicial elections. The [report](#) is published on the Panel’s website. The Panel concluded that 15 of the candidates fulfil the requirements for judicial candidates of Article 36 of the Rome Statute, the treaty that established and governs the Court. The Panel issued its report in anticipation of the election of six new ICC judges to nine-year terms by the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC (ASP) in December 2011.

“The Panel is an independent committee established by the Coalition for the International Criminal Court to raise awareness about the qualifications required of judicial candidates and to encourage the nomination and election of the most highly qualified candidates. The Panel does not endorse, oppose or rank candidates.

“The Panel’s determination of ‘Qualified’ or ‘Not Qualified’ for each candidate is based strictly on the requirements of the Rome Statute. It assessed each candidate according to the “list” to which he or she was nominated, either ‘List A’ consisting of candidates with expertise and substantial experience in criminal law, or ‘List B’ consisting of candidates with expertise and experience in international law relevant to the ICC.

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“In establishing the Panel, the Coalition for the ICC sought to create a procedure similar to those in various national jurisdictions for vetting judicial candidates. The Panel’s Terms of Reference mandate it to assess whether each candidate met the statutory requirements and, if not, to explain why. The Panel’s views are its own.

“The Panel wishes to express its gratitude to the Coalition for the ICC for its administrative assistance in carrying out this important endeavour.

“The Panel will not make further public statements or answer inquiries about the assessments.”

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