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Article 36 of the Rome Statute: Qualifications, Nomination and Election of Judges

- 8. (a) The States Parties shall, in the selection of judges, take into account the need, within the membership of the Court, for:
 - (i) The representation of the principal legal systems of the world;
 - (ii) Equitable geographical representation; and
 - (iii) A fair representation of female and male judges.
 - (b) States Parties shall also take into account the need to include judges with legal expertise on specific issues, including, but not limited to, violence against women and children.

This dossier is based on information drawn from curriculum vitae submitted by each of the candidates to the ASP, the statements and notes verbales from their respective States, interviews conducted by NGOs with the candidates in November 2007, and additional online research.

List of Applicants Profiled

Bruno Cotte

Country: France Gender: Male

Region: Western European and Other States

List: A

Graciela Dixon

Country: Panama Gender: Female

Region: Latin American and Caribbean States

List: A

Daniel David Ntanda Nsereko

Country: Uganda Gender: Male Region: African States List: A

Jean Angela Permanand

Country: Trinidad and Tobago

Gender: Female

Region: Latin American and Caribbean States

List: A

Fumiko Saiga

Country: Japan Gender: Female Region: Asian States List: B **Academic Achievement and Professional Training**

	Legal	Other
Bruno Cotte (France)	 Bachelors and Masters degrees in Public Law, University of Lyons. One-year postgraduate diploma in Private Law, University of Lyons. Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature (French National School for the Judiciary) – ranked 2nd on graduation. 	N/A
Graciela Dixon (Panama)	 Faculty of Law of the University of Panama, degree in Law and Political Science. Post-graduate degree in Human Rights- University Santa Maria La Antigua de Panama. 	N/A
Daniel David Ntanda Nsereko (Uganda)	 Bachelor of Laws (LL.B), University of East Africa, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Master of Comparative Jurisprudence (M.C.J.), Howard University School of Law, Washington D.C., USA. Certificate in International Law, The Hague Academy. Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.) and Master of Laws (LL.M) New York University School of Law, USA. Advocate, High Court of Uganda. 	N/A
Jean Angela Permanand (Trinidad and Tobago)	 Barrister-at-Law, Lincoln's Inn, London. Barrister-at-Law, Trinidad & Tobago. Alternative Dispute Resolution: Certificate in Family Law and Divorce (Advance Mediation Skills). Certificate in Basic and Advance Course in Alternative Dispute Resolution. 	N/A
Fumiko Saiga (Japan)	• Training in international law by the International Legal Affairs Bureau of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (in Japan many professional legal practitioners in the field of international law begin as diplomats in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – some are selected for training in international law and then act as diplomats <i>cum</i> legal officers) NB. A qualification at the bar is not a prerequisite in Japan to being appointed to the highest judicial offices.	Department of English Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

Professional Experience

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	Judicial Experience	Criminal Law Experience	Relevant International Law Experience
Bruno Cotte (France)	 2007: Acting First President of the Cour de Cassation (Supreme Court of Appeal). 2000-2007: President of the Criminal Chamber of Court de Cassation (comprising 40 judges). 	 As Judge: 2000-2007: President of the Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court of Appeal (with competence in all matters of criminal law and procedure). As practitioner: 1995-2000: Counsel for the Prosecution to the Supreme Court of Appeal. 1990-1995: Public Prosecutor in the Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris. 1990: Attorney General to the Versailles Court of Appeal. 1984-1990: Director for Criminal Affairs and Pardons, Ministry of Justice. 	As Judge (2000-2007):
		 1983-84: Deputy Director of Criminal Justice, Directorate of Criminal Affairs and Pardons, Ministry of Justice. 1981-1983: Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Paris Court of Appeal. 1980-1981: Special Assistant to the First President of the Supreme Court of Appeal. 1975-1980: Head of the Prosecution Bureau, Directorate of Criminal Affairs and Pardons, Ministry of Justice. 1973-75: Deputy Public Prosecutor, Tribunal de Grande Instance de Lyon. 	 Contributed to drafting of new French Penal Code on Crimes against Humanity. Responsible for leading and coordinating the prosecution for crimes against humanity in respect of the following cases: Klaus Barbie Rene Bousquet Paul Touvier Maurice Papon.
		• 1970-73: Magistrate, Ministry of Justice, Head of the Office of the Director of Criminal Affairs and Pardons.	

	Judicial Experience	Criminal Law Experience	Relevant International Law Experience
Graciela Dixon (Panama)	 2006-2007: Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. 1998-2007: Judge in the Supreme Court of Justice of the Republic of Panama (including the Criminal Chamber and Commercial Chamber). 	 XII Colloquium on Public Defence in Panama – criminal dogma as an instrument of defence – 2001 (Presenter). Criminology course on preventive detention and preventive measures and criminal policy towards children and young people – 2000 (presenter). Seminar on reform of criminal procedure – 1998 (participant). Seminar on the application, interpretation and efficiency of criminal law 1998 (participant). 	 corpus and habeas data appeals made "whose purpose is to safeguard fundamental guarantees and human rights. Observer of the process of installation of the Ecuadorian Supreme Court, appointed by the United Nations, 2005. Cases involving international cooperation in fulfillment of agreements or treaties concluded with other countries.

	Judicial Experience	Criminal Law Experience	Relevant International Law Experience
			• Latin American University of Science & Technology, Professor of Human Rights Chair.
			 Publications: "The Rome Treaty: for an International Criminal Court" 1999 (Monograph). "Human Rights in Panama" 1993 (Monograph) "Perspective of political prisoners and war refugees" 1993 (Article). "The meaning of amnesty for political prisoners" 1993 (Article).
			 Conferences The Statute of the International Criminal Court and its implications for the rule of law in Latin America 2003 (participant).
Daniel David Ntanda Nsereko (Uganda)	N/A	Practitioner Private law practitioner representing clients in criminal and civil cases from 1972 onwards (1976-1982 full-time). Enrolled on List of Counsel eligible to represent accused persons and victims before the ICC. Academic	Academic: Courses taught since 1984 include International Criminal Law (ICL) & International Human Rights Law (IHRL). Extensive publications and guest lectures on ICC, ICL & IHL from 1999 onwards.
		Lecturer in criminal law for more than 20 years University of Botswana – Professor of Law 1996-2007 (previously Associate Professor of Law and Senior Lecturer in Law). Visiting professor of Law at University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada 1993-1994. Makerere University, Kampala 1971-1978 (Lecturer in Law and Senior Lecturer in Law).	Expert/Consultant Involved from 1995 onwards as expert and advisor in the negotiation process of the ICC including: • ASP sessions • Resumed fifth session (2007) for CICC • First session (2002) as Member of Uganda Government delegation. • Inter-sessional meetings of the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression of the ASP • 2006 as part of CICC

	Judicial Experience	Criminal Law Experience	Relevant International Law Experience
		Other Expert consultant, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, New York. Trial observer for Amnesty International to	
Jean Angela Permanand (Trinidad and Tobago)	 2001-2002: Acted as Chief Justice on two occasions. 1993-2002: Judge of the Court of Appeal (jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters including Industrial Court and Tax Appeal Board). 1983-1993: Puisne Judge (jurisdiction in criminal and civil courts). 	As Judge: • 9 years as Judge in the Court of Appeal. • 10 years as Puisne Judge. As Practitioner: • 1980-1982: Solicitor General. • 1979-1980: Acting Treasury Solicitor (appointed Senior Counsel 1981). • 1965-1979: State Counsel, Attorney-General's Chambers. • 1962-1965: Private practice.	Has sat as a judge of the Supreme Court of Trinidad & Tobago for almost 20 years adjudicating on all matters and complaints brought by the citizenry of Trinidad & Tobago and foreigners. Adjudicating upon cases which necessarily included the safeguarding of fundamental rights.

	Judicial Experience	Criminal Law Experience	Relevant International Law Experience
	• 2001-2007: Member of N/A CEDAW – quasi-judicial		As diplomat:
Fumiko Saiga	body created to monitor the		• 2005-2007 Ambassador in charge of Human Rights
(Japan)	implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (includes consideration of reports from States Parties, communications from individual persons and the making of decisions and recommendations).		• 1996-1998 Permanent Mission of Japan to UN (Deputy to Judge Owada in charge of issues including legal affairs in the Third and Sixth Committees of the UN General Assembly).
			 Extensive work relating to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and gender issues including: 2001-2007 Member, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women 1996-1998 In charge of Third Committee and drafting of CEDAW Optional Protocol Active role in concluding CEDAW (from
			 drafting to ratification). 1980-1983 – International Convention Division, Treaties Bureau.
			 More than 25 years experience as a diplomat <i>cum</i> legal officer dealing <i>inter alia</i> with human rights issues. Also direct involvement with treaty negotiations and ratification processes of The Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees
			 The International Covenant of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Relevant Expertise

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	Sexual Violence and	Victims' Rights and Other Relevant Experience		
	Women's Human Rights			
Bruno Cotte (France)	• As counsel for the Prosecution and President of the Criminal Chamber of the Cour de Cassation has handled a great number of cases concerning sexual violence.	Other relevant experience: • Has lectured in criminal procedure at the French National School for the Judiciary (Paris and Bordeaux) and to members of the Prefectual police (Ministry of the Interior).		
	 As Directorate of Criminal Affairs and Pardons: designed, implemented and developed a proactive victim support policy for victims of criminal offences (including compensation, assistance with legal procedures and medical & psychological counseling for victims of rape) associated with both the drafting and vote of several legislative provisions on the protection of women and children. 	Numerous missions and presentations abroad.		
	 As prosecutor at Versailles Court of Appeal by encouraging more consideration for victims of crimes, especially for victims of sexual offences. 			
	• Undertook action on behalf of victims of domestic violence.			
	• Assisted in defining crimes of sexual violence and rape and the amendment of the penal procedure code provisions concerning the extension of the statute of limitations in respect of these offences.			
	Judicial experience of cases involving sexual or gender based violence.	Other relevant experience:		
Graciela Dixon	 As an attorney in private practice has acted in defense of victims of sexual and or gender based violence. Extensive work on the betterment and implementation of the Family Code 	Vice-president and member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-Oceanic Regional Authority (ARI) of Panama (1995-1997).		
	in Panama.	• Lagel Adviser in the Office of the Minister of Labour and Social Walfers of		
(Panama)	 International observer of elections in Nicaragua as Panamanian delegate for women's organizations 1996. Speaker at a number of seminars/workshops/conferences dealing with issues of gender equality. 	• Legal Adviser in the Office of the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare of Panama; Legal Adviser of the Association of Friends of the Afro-West Indian Museum of Panama and of the Centre for Social Training; Technical and Legal Adviser of the Commission of Women of the Legislative Assembly of Panama (1994-1997).		
	Recognised by Association of Muslim Women in Panama for her contribution to Panamanian Women in 1992.			

	Sexual Violence and	Victims' Rights and Other Relevant Experience
	Women's Human Rights	
Daniel David Ntanda	Resource Person at workshop on Gender Justice & the International Criminal Court, South Africa, organized by the Women's Caucus for Gender Justice, 2000.	 Victims Rights: Participated as an expert in the drafting of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Victims, and has written extensively on victim rights.
Nsereko (Uganda)		 Elected rapporteur for Expert Group Meeting on Victims of Crime & Abuse of Power in the International Setting (Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the United Nations, Vienna) 1995.
		• Served as Expert Consultant for the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and participated in the drafting of the United Nations Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power (1984).
		 Publications "Forcible Transfer of Children" in Shelton, Dinah (ed.) Encyclopaedia of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity, 3 vols. (Detroit, Mich: Macmillan Reference, United States of America, 2005. ISBN 0028658477). [at pp. 370-376].
		• "Victims of Abuse of Power, with Special Reference to Africa" 28 University of British Columbia Law Review, pp. 171-192 (1994). Reprinted in 60 The Review of the International Commission of Jurists, pp. 199-219 (1998).
		• "Victims of Crime and their Rights", in T.M. Mushanga (ed.) Criminology in Africa, (United Nations International Crime and Justice Research Institute, Rome, 1992. ISBN 92-9078-021-6) [at pp. 21-42].
		• "The Rights of Children in Botswana", in The Rights of the Child (Initiative Ltd., Nairobi 1989. ISBN 9966-42-001-0) [at pp. 25-31].
		• "Compensating the Victims of Crime in Botswana", 33 Journal of African Law, pp. 157- 171 (1989) (University of London). Other relevant experience:

Sexual Violence and	Victims' Rights and Other Relevant Experience
Women's Human Rights	
	• Served as Expert Consultant for United Nations Congresses for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders, at Milan, Italy (1985) and Caracas, Venezuela (1980); and at regional and inter-regional preparatory meetings at The Hague, Netherlands (1980), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (1978) and Lusaka, Zambia (1975).
	 Extensive publications (books, mimeographs, chapters in books, articles, book reviews) covering a wide range of legal issues including: Criminal law and procedure; Legal ethics; Constitutional law Human rights; Sentencing; Issues arising before the ICTR, ICTY and ICC; International crimes; Victims' Rights.

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	Women's Human Rights	
Jean Angela Permanand (Trinidad and Tobago)	 As Judge – adjudicated on matters of domestic violence, sexual abuse, rape and grievous bodily harm. Also dealt with crimes of this nature as prosecution and defence counsel. Chaired working committee and authored manual on domestic violence (for use by police investigators dealing with reports of domestic violence - focuses on privacy and dignity of victim, need for training/sensitization of Court staff, education in psychology of victim & offender, and mandatory arrest). 	 2006 Member of National Committee established to develop, monitor and promote counter money-laundering and terrorist financing. 2004 Appointed as Chair of the Law Reform Commission.

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	Women's Human Rights	
	• Extensive work relating to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and gender issues including:	January 1980 International Convention Division, Treaties Bureau.
Fumiko Saiga	 2001-2007 Member, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women 	• June 1983 First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.
(Japan)	 1996-1998 In charge of Third Committee and drafting of CEDAW Optional Protocol Active role in concluding CEDAW (from drafting to ratification). 	February 1988 Assistant Director, United Nations Policy Division, United Nations Affairs Bureau.
	 Involvement in Commission on the Status of Women Discrimination against Women 1996-1998 In charge of Third Committee and drafting of CEDAW 	March 1988 Deputy Director, Social Cooperation Division, United Nations Affairs Bureau.
	Optional Protocol.	• July 1989 Director, Ocean Division, Economic Affairs Bureau.
	Active • the Contribution to Preparatory work related to Commission on Status of Women (CSW).	• August 1992 Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Denmark.
	As Vice Governor of Saitama Prefecture in Japan, intensively involved in the creation of the Saitama Prefecture Ordinance for the Promotion of	• March 1996 Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.
	Gender Equality. • As Deputy Director for Social Cooperation Division, UN Affairs Bureau,	May 1998 Vice Governor of Saitama Prefecture, Japan.
	responsible for United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).	• September 2000 Consul-General of Japan in Seattle.
		• July 2002 Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.
		• September 2003 April 2007- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Norway.
		October 2003 April 2007 - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Iceland.
		• December 2005 - Present - Ambassador in charge of Human Rights.

Affiliations and Honours

	Affiliations	Honours
Bruno Cotte	Associations Paris Aide aux Victimes (Association for the Support of Victims of Crime).	Honours and decorations Commander of the Legion of Honour (Decree of April 2005). Commander of the French National Order of Merit (Decree of March 2001). Knight of the Order of Agricultural Merit (December 1979). Penitentiary Medal.
(France)		
Graciela Dixon (Panama)	 Associations International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ): President 2006-2008; Member of the Board of Directors representing the Caribbean, Central and South American region, 2002-2006. Latin American Federation of Judges (FLAM): President 2006-2008; First Vice-president 2004-2006; Second Vice-president 2002-2004. International Association of Judges (IAJ). Forum of Latin American Women Judges (FMAL). Association of Friends of the Afro-West Indian Museum of Panama. National Union of Attorneys of Panama. Association of Women Magistrates and Judges of Panama (AMAJUP). Panamanian Association of Magistrates and Judges (ASPAMAJ). 	 Distinctions received 2006 Conferral by the Mayor of the District of Panama of the keys to Panama City in commemoration of Black Ethnic Group Day. 2002 Justice Lodge No. 832, "Elks Order of the World" in recognition of her support for and contribution to educational, cultural, judicial and social development in our community of Central America. 2001 Conferral by the Governor of the Province of Colón of the title of "Distinguished Citizen of this Province". 2001 Proclamation by the Community Board of Ancón declaring her a "Meritorious Daughter" in recognition of her outstanding and exemplary work in the service of our society. 1999 Conferral by the Committee to Honour and Celebrate Our Heritage of the title of Champion of Jurisprudence and Defender of the Constitutional Rights of Panamanian Citizens and Ethnic Groups, New York, United States of America. 1999 Philadelphia Scholarship Club, award for outstanding contribution to the community, Panama, United States. 1999 Professional Graduates of the Abel Bravo College Award for an outstanding career and for her commendable contribution to the further development of our country. 1997 Thelma King National Dignity Award of the Association of Independent Attorneys (FRAI) in recognition of her outstanding social, professional and humanitarian work. 1997 Legislative Assembly, Human Rights Committee, for her dynamic participation as a candidate for the post of Ombudsman. 1996 Ministry of Education of Panama Award for merit and exemplary

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	 citizenship. 1996 National Association of Business Executives in lasting recognition of and gratitude for her valuable contribution to the success of the programmes of the CADE Association of Colón. 1996 University of Panama for the generous support provided to our institution. 1996 Inter-Oceanic Regional Authority in recognition of the excellent work done and for being the first woman to hold the post of President of the Board of Directors of the ARI. 1996 National Union of Panamanian Women on her designation as Vice-President of the Inter-Oceanic Regional Authority (ARI). 1992 Association of Muslim Women for her contribution to Panamanian Women. 1988 Association of Employees of the National Institute of Culture for her contribution to progress and culture in Panama. 1974 National Institute of Culture, First Festival of Congos and Coastal Folklore, Colón.

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Daniel David Ntanda Nsereko (Uganda)	 Memberships 2006 - present Member, Advisory Committee, War Crimes Research Office, American University, Washington, D.C. 2006 - present Member, International Advisory Board of the International Doctorate School of Excellence, University of Cologne, Germany. 2005 - present Member, Editorial Board of the University of Botswana Law Journal. 2004 - present Member, East African Law Society. 1972 - present Member, Uganda Law Society. 1988 - present Member of the Board of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law. 1990 - present Member of the Editorial Board of the Criminal Law Forum: an International Journal. 1986 - 1990 Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal Violence, Aggression and Terrorism. 1985 - present Member of the Editorial Council of the Journal of Church and State. 1975 - 1980 Member of the Executive Committee of the Uganda Red Cross Society. 	
	 1975 - 1980 Member of the Law Council (Executive Committee) of the Uganda Law Society. 	
Jean Angela	Memberships ■ Member of National Committee established to Develop, Monitor, and Promote Counter Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (2006).	Decorations/honours 2003 Chaconia Gold Medal.

	Affiliations	Honours
Permanand	• Chairman, Law Reform Commission (2004).	2002 Hall of Fame, St. Joseph's Convent, Port of Spain.
(Trinidad and Tobago)	 Member, Judicial and Legal Service Commission and Integrity Commission (2003). 	
Fumiko Saiga (Japan)	 Member, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (present). 	