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### Executive summary of relevant experience

With over sixteen years of progressive experience on the work of the International Criminal Court, as well as working under and reporting directly to three different Registrars, I have extensive institutional expertise and a profound understanding of the functioning of the Registry, the management and operations of the Court, and the work of the Assembly of States Parties.

**Administration:** I have significantly contributed to the effective functioning of the Registry and the non-judicial administration of the Court for over eleven years. I possess first-hand experience on the internal decision-making process on complex policy, operational and strategic matters in all areas of the Registry's activities impacting on the Court, such as on its finances, efficiency, operational effectiveness, and legitimacy. As the ICC Chief of Budget, I am fully proficient on the budget life cycle and its intrinsic connection to the strategic and operational context of the work and mandate of the Court. Moreover, I have an in-depth understanding of the Court's working culture, as well as on the efforts needed to address the challenges faced by the staff and by those working within the Court. My institutional knowledge and communication skills have positioned me to play leading roles for the Registry in a number of Court-wide review, development and reform processes, including in the more recent Independent Expert Review. I have developed good direct inter-organ rapport with Court's Principals, high-level officials and other key colleagues in the different organs and offices, which are critical for the Registrar to operate effectively in a collegial way and as part of the One-Court principle.

**Court services:** I have supported the Registrar's responsibilities in providing effective and efficient services to the judicial proceedings from a legal, technical, strategic and financial angle. Effective and efficient judicial support services are a key priority for the Registry and essential to the legitimacy of the Court. In this regard, I have been directly involved in many complex negotiations related to the role of the Registry in providing court services, including the legal aid policy, the implementation of the intermediaries guidelines, the development of the Court-wide victims strategy, the shaping of the Defence and Victims' Representation functions, the development of performance indicators for judicial support functions, as well as in the design of focused solutions to sustainably resource Registry's judicial services. My longstanding experience with the judicial work of the ICC from the Registry's perspective uniquely positions me to understand its evolving complexity, which in turn requires the formulation of adaptable forms of support progressively more attuned to the Court's developing judicial context.

**External operations:** I have taken part in a number of efforts, reviews and discussions concerning strategic and policy discussions on communication and outreach towards victims and affected communities, as well as the evolution and establishment of Registry's country offices. In particular, I clearly understand the factors to be considered when assessing the best way to provide external support to judicial and prosecutorial activities, including to the parties, participants and other relevant actors. Effective external operations are underpinned by consistent and strong cooperation from States Parties, as well as by engaged and open collaboration with civil society, and I have participated in numerous efforts to facilitate cooperation between the Court and States and civil society, including the negotiation of Cooperation Agreements, and supporting efforts at the national level to adopt legislation implementing the Rome Statute provisions regarding cooperation and judicial assistance. I have represented the Court in a number of national, regional and international fora, including with high-level States representatives.

**Reporting and liaising with the Assembly of States Parties:** I have been involved in the work of the Assembly of States Parties since its very early stages. I have represented the interests of the Registry before the Assembly, its Working Groups and subsidiary bodies, as well as represented the Court before different United Nations' bodies as the Head of the ICC Liaison Office in New York, during a challenging political period. I am a skilled communicator, with a strong diplomatic sense, able to convey the complex and sensitive organisational positions of the ICC in a

trustworthy manner with clarity, tact and precision. I also possess a genuine understanding of the key role played by the Registrar in the discharge of the statutory managerial oversight responsibilities of the Assembly by ensuring an open dialogue based on trust, efficiency, sustainability and transparency.