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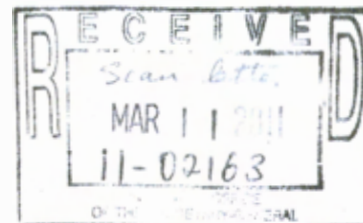
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11 March 2011

H E The Secretary General
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NEW YORK

Thru: H E The Permanent Representative
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Uganda House
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Handwritten signature and date 11/3/2011

Your Excellency

**NOMINATION OF LADY JUSTICE DR JULIA SEBUTINDE FOR THE POST OF
JUDGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE**

I refer to your announcement No. LA 19.4.2 dated 8th March 2011 inviting nominations for candidate Judges for the vacancies at the International Court of Justice.

This is to inform you that the National Group of Uganda to the Permanent Court of Arbitration nominates Justice Dr. Julia Sebutinde, a Ugandan national, as a candidate for the position of Judge of the International Court of Justice for the elections to be held during the 66th Session of the UN General Assembly and corresponding session of the UN Security Council.

I hereby confirm that Justice Sebutinde, currently in The Hague on assignment with the Special Court for Sierra Leon, will complete that assignment by mid September 2011 at the very latest, after which she will be free and available to take up the International Court of Justice post.

Yours sincerely

B. Odoki

**CHIEF JUSTICE/
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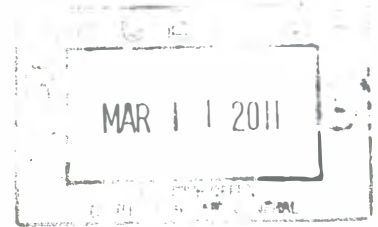
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to forward herewith a letter reference CJ/CP/26 dated 11 March 2011 from the Chief Justice/Chairman National Group of Uganda, addressed to the Secretary-General, nominating Lady Justice Dr. Julia Sebutinde for the post of Judge of the International Court of Justice.

The Curriculum Vitae of Judge Sebutinde is attached.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 11 March 2011

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General
of the United Nations
New York



JUDGE Dr. Julia SEBUTINDE



UGANDA CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF JUDGE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE - ICJ, THE HAGUE

BIO-DATA:

Date of Birth: 28 February, 1954

Nationality: Ugandan

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PROFILE:

Judge Julia Sebutinde is a highly accomplished Judge with over 32 (thirty-two) years of legal and judicial work experience at national and international level. She is a judge of the highest professional standards and moral integrity and has a demonstrated respect for diversity. Her career objective is to contribute to world peace through the adjudication and settlement of legal disputes at national, regional and international levels, and to excel in her service by her through the application of the core and managerial competencies of the United Nations. She is knowledgeable in International Law, International Humanitarian law and International Criminal Law; has extensive experience in drafting of judgements, decisions, opinions, legal research, legislative analysis and statutory interpretation and is a team-player with excellent communication, organisational, leadership and analytical skills.

She is currently the Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber 2 of the Special Court for Sierra Leone sitting in The Hague where she is handling several high-profile war-crime trials including the *Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor* (2005-2011). She is a Judge of the High Court of Uganda with original and appellate jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases (1996 to date). She conducted three high-profile Judicial Commissions of Inquiry into Corruption in Uganda where her work and recommendations led to major reforms in combating and/or eliminating corruption in Government (1999-2004). She has also served as a Legislative Consultant to the Republic of Namibia under the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation where she is credited with overhauling the country's Apartheid Laws and training Namibian legislative drafters (1991-1996).

She has participated in training of East African judges, magistrates and paralegals in the application of regional and international human rights instruments, in conjunction with the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ). She is also a trainer and resource person on the International Civilian Peace Keeping and Peace Building Training Programme (IPT) of the Austrian Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution. She contributed significantly to the

formation and streamlining of several regional bodies on the African continent including the Common Market for Eastern and Southern African States (COMESA) and the Inter-Governmental Association on Drought and Development (IGADD) where she served as Legislative Consultant on various Legal Committees tasked with drafting / amending the Treaties, Instruments, Rules and Regulations for those bodies.

She holds a Master of Laws Degree, LL.M (with Distinction) from the University of Edinburgh, and has received numerous national and international awards and honours in recognition of her distinguished legal and judicial service, including an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Edinburgh (2009).

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master of Laws Degree with Distinction (LL.M), University of Edinburgh (Scotland, U.K (1990)
- Bachelor of Laws Degree (LL.B) Makerere University, Uganda (1977)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Law Development Centre, Uganda (1978)
- Called to the Uganda Bar and enrolled as an Advocate (1979)
- Certificate in Legislative Drafting, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka in conjunction with the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (1983)
- Certificate in Advanced Leadership Studies, The Haggai Leadership Institute, Singapore (1998)
- Certificate in Computer programming and Court databases (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Live note, Case Map, TRIM, Ringtail) Uganda Management Institute (1997)
- Certificate in Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Skills, National Judicial College, University of Nevada, Reno, U.S.A (1997)
- East African Advanced Certificate of Education (Cambridge), Kings College Budo, Uganda, 1973
- East African General Certificate of Education (Cambridge), Gayaza High School Uganda, 1971
- Primary Leaving Education Certificate, Lake Victoria Primary School (Entebbe-Uganda) (1967)

COMPETENCIES:

- Over 32 years of legal and judicial work experience at national and international levels (1978 to date)
- Extensive experience in writing Judgements, Decisions, Orders, Advisory Opinions, Memoranda and Reports
- Extensive experience in Trial management, Dispute Resolution (including ADR)
- Expertise and extensive experience in Legislative-Drafting and Interpretation of Treaties, Statutes, Legal Instruments, Rules, Regulations.
- Technological versatility in Court databases (MS Word, Case-map, Live-note, Power-point, TRIM, Ringtail, Excel)
- Professionalism, conscientiousness and ability to prioritise, work under pressure and meet deadlines while remaining calm and focused.
- Integrity including ability to maintain confidentiality, to resist undue pressure and to act without consideration for personal gain.
- Excellent communication and listening skills.

- A Team-player who respects diversity, collegiality and puts the corporate agenda above self.
- A Leader and Role-model who is not afraid to take tough decisions when necessary.

KEY POSITIONS HELD:

International Judge of the UN-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone: (2005-2011)

Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber 2 of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (2007-2008, 2010-2011)

Judge of the High Court of Uganda (1996 to date):

Head, Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Corruption in the Uganda Police Force (1999-2000)

Head, Judicial Commission of Inquiry into the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces: (2001)

Head, Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of Corruption in the Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) (2002)

Legislative Consultant / Legal Drafter for the Republic of Namibia: (1991-1996)

Principal State Attorney and Parliamentary Counsel, Ministry of Justice, Uganda: (1978-1990)

Lecturer / Trainer: Law Development Centre Uganda; International Law Institute Uganda; Austrian Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution Austria; Jurisprudence of Equality Project, East Africa

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

International Judge of the UN-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone: (2005-2011)

- Trial judge for 7 years on the hybrid international criminal tribunal that was set up to try those who bear the greatest responsibility for the war crimes / crimes against humanity / violations against International Humanitarian law, committed against the people of Sierra Leone during the civil conflict of November 1996 to December 2000. The culturally diverse Court consists of 11 Judges and 2000 staff from over 30 nationalities
- The Court contributed significantly to bringing justice to numerous victims of the conflict and ending impunity, indicting and trying a total of eleven Defendants.

Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber 2 of the Special Court: (2007-08; 2010-11) achievements include the following:

- Trial Chamber 2 is the first international criminal tribunal to convict perpetrators of the offences of “Use of Child Soldiers” and of “Forced Marriage” as Crimes against Humanity.
- Trial Chamber 2 is also the first international criminal tribunal to try a sitting Head of State (Charles Ghankay Taylor of Liberia) for War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity.
- Presiding over the cases of the *Prosecutor v. Brima et al.* (SCSL-04-16-T) (2007-2008) and the *Prosecutor v. Charles Taylor* (SCSL-03-01-T) (2008-2011)
- Drafting of two landmark Judgements and over 800 interlocutory Decisions and Opinions
- Conduct of proceedings and Trial management including issuance of appropriate Protective Measures for the safety and security of victims and witnesses testifying before the Court.
- Chairing of Judges’ deliberations and preparation of draft Judgements, Decisions and Opinions and Orders of the Court; formulating proposals for the Rules of Procedure and Practice Directions of the Court and writing periodic Reports of the Trial Chamber.
- General administration of the Trial Chamber, including recruitment, supervision and appraisal of professional staff.
- Participating in the Court’s Outreach Programmes through presentations / lectures on the role and jurisprudence of the Special Court to Civil Society Groups and the Academia.

Judge of the High Court of Uganda (1996 to date) Judge Sebutinde has served as judge of the High Court of Uganda for over 15 years. Key responsibilities and achievements include:-

- Adjudicating disputes involving civil claims, commercial claims, domestic or family law disputes, criminal indictments and handling civil and criminal appeals and revisions from Magistrates courts.
- Trial management and conduct of Court proceedings.
- Drafting and issuing of over 2400 Judgements and 2500 interlocutory decisions during the period (1996-2004).
- Volunteering to oversee the welfare of Judges in the Uganda Judiciary, improving the welfare and working environment of the judges, including spearheading the training of all Judges in computer literacy and mobilising funding to equip each judge with a personal computer, resulting in improved efficiency of the Judiciary. At the time of volunteering, she was the youngest and newest member of the Judiciary and received recognition from the Chief Justice for her initiative and contribution to the welfare and efficiency of the Judges.
- Head of the Technology Planning Committee of the Uganda Judiciary, responsible for developing a strategic plan for computerisation of court records and recording of proceedings in the Uganda Judiciary, replacing the manual system of court recording and data management, resulting in greater efficiency and better data management in the Judiciary.
- Organising the training of all the judges of the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court in computer-literacy. With the assistance of the Danish Development Agency she raised enough funding to furnish each Judge with a personal computer, resulting ultimately in a more efficient Judiciary.
- Training East African Judges magistrates and paralegals in the application of Regional and International Human Rights instruments, under the auspices of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) and in conjunction with the International Association of

Women Judges (IAWJ) as part of the Jurisprudence of Equality Programme (JEP), thereby contributing to a fairer dispensation of justice in the sub-Region.

- Lecturing / training of international students at the International Law Institute (ILI) Uganda on various legal topics under the auspices of the State University of New York (SUNY) and at the Austrian Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution Austria.
- In recognition of her integrity, professionalism and outstanding service in the Judiciary she was appointed by the President of Uganda to head three high-profile Commissions of Inquiry in 1999, 2001 and 2002, respectively, in addition to her normal judicial duties. The positions demanded the highest standards of professionalism, courage, leadership and moral integrity.

Head, Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Corruption in the Uganda Police Force (1999-2000) Key responsibilities and achievements included-

- Investigating general and specific allegations of corruption and mismanagement in the Uganda Police force, and in particular, allegations levelled against Senior Police Officers of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and the Department of Public Prosecutions (DPP).
- Writing a 3000-page report that formed the basis of major reforms in the Uganda Police Force including the criminal prosecution of corrupt officials, improvement in the management, efficiency and effectiveness of the Police Force and improved service delivery in the areas of criminal investigation and human rights.

Head, Judicial Commission of Inquiry into the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces: (2001) Key responsibilities and achievements included -

- Investigating and establishing the circumstances pertaining to the procurement by the Ministry of Defence, of four MI-24 combat helicopters in 1997, valued at US\$12.9 million, and to establish whether any person benefited corruptly from the transaction or caused financial loss to the Government.
- Writing a 1000-page report that formed the basis of major reforms in the Uganda Peoples Defence Force including streamlining of procurement and greater transparency and accountability, and discipline of implicated officials

Head, Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of Corruption in the Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) (2002) Key responsibilities and achievements include -

- Investigating over 500 general and specific allegations of corruption and mismanagement in the URA.
- Writing a 3000-page report that formed the basis of major administrative reforms in the URA including discipline of implicated officials, improved revenue collection and efficiency as well as eliminating corruption in the URA.

Commonwealth Legislative Consultant for the Republic of Namibia: (1991-1996 under the auspices of the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation) Key responsibilities and achievements included-

- Advising the Government of the newly independent Republic of Namibia on the formulation and administration of legislative policies.
- Repeal of out-dated Apartheid legislation and drafting of new legislation to replace it;
- Serving as First Parliamentary Counsel for the Namibian Parliament;

- Human Resource Development through training of Namibian legislative drafters.

Principal State Attorney and Parliamentary Counsel, Ministry of Justice, Uganda: (1978-1990) Key responsibilities and achievements include:-

- Drafting and publication of major and subordinate legislation for the Uganda Government, writing legal opinions for Parliament and the Executive, transforming legislative policies of Government into Bills and transforming Bills into Statutes through the parliamentary processes.
- Legislative Consultant to the regional bodies of Common Market For Eastern and Southern African States (COMESA) and the Inter-Governmental Authority on Drought and Development (IGADD), responsible for participating in the drafting of the governing Treaties, Protocols and Rules for those bodies.
- Lecturer at the Law Development Centre, Uganda teaching post-graduate students Legislative Drafting and Parliamentary Procedures.

Apprentice Lawyer. (1978) Immediately upon graduation from Makerere University and during the Bar-course Julia Sebutinde worked with Obol-Ochola & Company, Advocates, a reputed Ugandan Law firm, as an apprentice Lawyer conducting legal research and writing legal briefs and opinions for senior Counsel and attending Court.

HONOURS AND AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE:

- **Doctorate of Laws, *honoris causa*,** from the University of Edinburgh for distinguished service in the field of international justice and human rights (June 2009)
- **“Good Samaritan” Award** She was one of only two African recipients of the prestigious award at the congress of Advocates International (AI) in Washington DC, USA. AI is a global network of over 50,000 law professionals (including academicians, law students, parliamentarians, judges, practitioners etc) in over 135 nations who have through their careers, dedicated themselves to promoting religious freedom, human rights, reconciliation and justice and ethics and the integration of faith and practice. (October 2004)
- Honouree in the 7th Edition of the prestigious **“International Who’s Who of Professionals, 2000”** published in October 2000 by the American Biographical Institute. Her Biography features in this Edition in recognition of her *“significant career achievements and contributions to Society.”* Other personalities in this Edition include Oprah Winfrey and Hilary Clinton.
- **Good-will Ambassador** for the **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)** Programme, which addresses Reproductive Health, Population Development Strategies and Advocacy.
- **Chancellor of the International Health Sciences University, Uganda.** The University offers graduate and post-graduate degrees in medical science courses (June 2008)
- Rated among the **Top 100 Africans of the Year in the Africa Almanac 2000** for her *“integrity, outstanding role and impact on Ugandan society”*. The criterion for selection to this category was based on concrete achievements, especially those with an impact on a large number of people. (March 2000)

- First and only recipient so far, of the **UBAA- Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award**. The Uganda-British Alumni Association recognised her for her excellent career and contribution to society, nationally and internationally. (June 2006)
- **Vocational Awards and Orders of Merit**: She has received a number of awards from various national bodies within Uganda including the Rotary Clubs of Uganda (1999), the Uganda Law Society (2001), Uganda Debt Network (2000) and her former schools Kings College Budo and Gayaza High School (2000) in recognition of her dedicated service and outstanding contribution to Uganda. She represented Uganda Women Lawyers at the opening of the UN Decade for Women in Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia.(1975)

ORGANISATIONS OR SOCIETIES of which Julia Sebutinde is a member:

- The International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ)
- The National Association of Uganda Women Judges (NAUWJ)
- The Commonwealth Association of Legal Drafters
- The Uganda Law Society
- The Uganda Women Lawyers Association (FIDA)
- Advocates International (Uganda Chapter)
- Board of Directors of Centenary Publishing House Ltd.
- Board of Directors of the Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau
- Board of Directors of the Nnabagereka Development Trust
- Chairperson, Board of Directors of the Acid Survivors Foundation of Uganda

PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS: including:-

- “International Criminal Justice: Balancing Competing Interests: The Challenges Facing Defence Counsel and Counsel for Victims and Witnesses”: Keynote Address at 8th ICC Seminar of Counsel 18/05/10 at Steinenberger Kurhaus Hotel, Den Haag
- “Celebrating Ten Years of the Rome Statute: Does Uganda Have Reason to Join the Party?” Sheraton Hotel Kampala, Uganda, September 2008.
- “The Importance of Outreach when Trials for War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity are Conducted away From the Country where the Crimes were Committed”: presented at the inauguration of the Institute for War Reporting, The Hague Chapter, April 2008.
- “Making Violence Against Women Accountable: Case study of Sierra Leone and Uganda”: October 2008 in Vienna, Austria.
- “Advancing the Rule of Law in 21st Century Africa: Is the Christian Judge or Lawyer Relevant?” November 2004 at the 4th Global Convocation of Advocates International, Virginia, USA.
- “Worth Your Salt: The Role of the Christian Leader in Combating Corruption”: July 2003 at the South African Christian Leaders Conference, Pretoria, RSA.
- “Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation: Whose Responsibility is it?” June 2002 at the Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN) Public Dialogue, Kampala, Uganda
- “Good Corporate Governance and the Accountant”: at the 6th Annual Seminar of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda, Entebbe, Uganda October 2001