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### Lettre datée du 22 juillet 2009, adressée au Président du Conseil de sécurité par le Secrétaire général

J'ai l'honneur de me référer au paragraphe 2 de l'article 13 *bis* du Statut du Tribunal international chargé de juger les personnes présumées responsables de violations graves du droit international humanitaire commises sur le territoire de l'ex-Yougoslavie depuis 1991, qui se lit comme suit :

« Si le siège de l'un des juges permanents élus ou nommés conformément au présent article devient vacant à l'une des Chambres, le Secrétaire général, après avoir consulté les Présidents du Conseil de sécurité et de l'Assemblée générale, nomme une personne réunissant les conditions indiquées à l'article 13 du Statut pour siéger jusqu'à l'expiration du mandat de son prédécesseur. »

Je souhaite vous informer à ce propos que les juges Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana), Iain Bonomy (Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord) et Christine Van Den Wyngaert (Belgique) ont démissionné de leurs fonctions avec effet au 10 mai, 31 août et 1<sup>er</sup> septembre 2009 respectivement.

Le Gouvernement belge a proposé la candidature de M. Guy Delvoie pour remplacer M<sup>me</sup> Van Den Wyngaert. Le Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni a proposé la candidature de M. Howard Morrison pour remplacer M. Bonomy. Je vous prie de noter à ce sujet que plus tôt cette année, après avoir signifié mon intention de le faire au Conseil de sécurité, j'ai nommé M. Morrison juge au Tribunal spécial pour le Liban. Cependant, étant donné, d'une part, la difficulté de trouver des juges justifiant de l'expérience requise pour pourvoir dans un délai aussi bref les sièges vacants du Tribunal international et, d'autre part, le fait que les juges du Tribunal spécial ne prendront probablement pas leurs fonctions avant le premier trimestre de 2010, le Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni a décidé de proposer la candidature de M. Morrison à un siège de juge au Tribunal international. M. Morrison s'est démis de ses fonctions de juge au Tribunal spécial avec effet au 14 juillet 2009.

En ce qui concerne M. Shahabuddeen, le Gouvernement guyanais a fait savoir qu'il n'était pas en mesure de proposer un candidat pour le remplacer. Il nous a en conséquence demandé de solliciter des candidatures auprès d'autres gouvernements de la région. À l'issue des consultations voulues, le Gouvernement des Bahamas a proposé la candidature aux fonctions de juge permanent de Sir Burton Hall, qui est actuellement juge *ad litem* auprès du Tribunal international mais n'a encore été saisi d'aucune affaire.



Je vous prie de trouver ci-joint les curriculum vitæ de MM. Guy Delvoie et Howard Morrison et de Sir Burton Hall (voir l'annexe).

Je considère que les candidats précités réunissent les conditions indiquées à l'article 13 du Statut du Tribunal pénal international. Je considère aussi que leur nomination irait dans le sens d'une représentation adéquate des principaux systèmes juridiques du monde au sein du Tribunal, conformément aux dispositions de l'alinéa c) du paragraphe 1 de l'article 13 *bis* du Statut.

Conformément aux dispositions du paragraphe 2 de l'article 13 *bis* du Statut du Tribunal international, j'attends avec intérêt de recevoir votre avis sur la nomination de MM. Delvoie et Morrison et de Sir Burton Hall comme juges permanents du Tribunal international.

(Signé) **Ban Ki-moon**

## Annexe

## Curriculum vitae

## Guy Delvoie

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
Name	<b>DELVOIE</b>
Surname, other names	Guy Lucas, Martin
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Telephone	32 16 38 95 58 Cell : 32 485 53 23 55
E-mail	<a href="mailto:guy.delvoie@skynet.be">guy.delvoie@skynet.be</a>
Nationality	Belgian
Date of birth	20 august 1947
<b>Office</b>	<b>Court of appeals of Brussels</b>
Address	Palais de Justice Place poelaert, B- 1000 Brussels BELGIUM
Telephone	32 2 508 66 37
E-mail	<a href="mailto:guy.delvoie@just.fgov.be">guy.delvoie@just.fgov.be</a>

<u>WORK EXPERIENCE</u> (acquired in full time jobs)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> <li>• Name and address of employer</li> <li>• Type of business or sector</li> <li>• Occupation or position held</li> <li>• Main activities and responsibilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>April 2007 - present</b> Belgian Judiciary – Department of Justice, avenue de Waterloo 115, B-1000 Brussels. Brussels Court of appeals <b><i>President of the Brussels Court of appeals</i></b> The bilingual Brussels court is Belgian's premier court of appeals. Presiding over the Brussels Court of appeals, a jurisdiction with some 70 full time professional judges handling appeals cases (criminal proceedings, civil, commercial and tax matters). Representation of the Court. Organising it's functioning. Controlling, to a certain degree the lower courts within its jurisdiction.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> <li>• Name and address of employer</li> <li>• Type of business or sector</li> <li>• Occupation or position held</li> <li>• Main activities and responsibilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>October 1995 - March 2007</b>  Belgian Judiciary – Department of Justice, avenue de Waterloo 115, B-1000 Brussels.  Brussels Court of appeals  <b>Judge and Section President</b>  Presiding over a section of the Court of appeals; handling and deciding appeals cases in civil and tax matters as well as criminal proceedings</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> <li>• Name and address of employer</li> <li>• Type of business or sector</li> <li>• Occupation or position held</li> <li>• Main activities and responsibilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>JUNE 1998- DECEMBER 2003</b>  Belgian Judiciary – Department of Justice, avenue de Waterloo 115, B-1000 Brussels.  Brussels Court of appeals  <b>Court Manager</b>  Special office whereby one of the Section Presidents is appointed to oversee and coordinate management of the Court as a whole</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and address of employer</li> <li>• Type of business or sector</li> <li>• Occupation or position held</li> <li>• Main activities and responsibilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>MAY 1985- OCOBER 1995</b>  Belgian Judiciary – Department Justice, avenue de Waterloo 115, B-1000 Brussels.  Brussels Court of appeals  <b>Judge</b>  Handling and deciding appeals cases, in civil and tax matters as well as in criminal cases.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> <li>• Name and address of employe</li> <li>• Type of business or sector</li> <li>• Occupation or position held</li> <li>• Main activities and responsibilities</li> <li>• Occupation or position held</li> <li>• Main activities and responsibilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER 1980 – MAY 1985</b>  Belgian Judiciary – Department of Justice  Brussels Court of first instance  <b>Judge</b>  Handling and deciding cases at district court level, in civil, cases and in criminal proceedings  <b>Researcher</b>  Conducting academic research and preparing academic publications</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> <li>• Type of business or sector</li> <li>• Occupation or position held</li> <li>• Main activities and responsibilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER 1972 – SEPTEMBER 1980</b>  Brussels Bar  <b>Attorney,</b>  associate to a member of the Supreme Court Bar; preparing and trying cases before Belgium’s Supreme Court</p>

<b><u>WORK EXPERIENCE</u></b> <b><u>(acquired in secondary activities)</u></b>	
• <i>Dates (from – to)</i> <i>Type of activity</i>	1999 - 2003 <b>Member of the academic board</b> of the “Justice in the World Foundation”, (with headquarters in Madrid, Spain)
• <i>Dates (from – to)</i> <i>Type of activity</i>	1987 - 2000 <b>Member of the First Study Commission</b> of the International Association of Judges ((International study commission within the I.A.J., The commission prepares and reviews comparative studies on matters of judicial organisation) <b>Chairperson</b> 1995 - 2000 <b>Vice-chairperson</b> 1991 - 1995 <b>Belgian reporter</b> 1987 – 1991
• <i>Dates (from – to)</i> <i>Type of activity</i>	January 1993 - April 1995 <b>Member of the Flemish Council for Advertisement and Endorsements on Radio and Television</b>
• <i>Dates (from – to)</i> <i>Type of activity</i>	September 1991 - June-1996 <b>Lecturer</b> at the Flemish School for Higher Education in Business; lecturing in the graduate program “Master in Tax Management”
• <i>Dates (from – to)</i> <i>Type of activity</i>	1987 – 1997 <b>Founder and editor-in-chief</b> of the Belgian Review for Civil Law
• <i>Dates (from – to)</i> <i>Type of activity</i>	1987 – 1991 <b>Member of the Dispute Resolution Council for Non-Public Radio and Television Providers</b>
• <i>Dates (from – to)</i> <i>Type of activity</i>	September 1985 - June 1990 <b>Lecturer</b> at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Free University of Brussels) for the course “Ethics of the Legal Profession”
• <i>Dates (from – to)</i> <i>Type of activity</i>	February 1974 - 30 June 1985 <b>Assistant professor</b> at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Free University of Brussels) for the course Family Law (Prof. Dr. G. Baeteman)

LANGUAGE SKILLS	EDUCATION AND TRAINING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> <li>• Name and type of organisation providing education and training</li> <li>• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered</li> <li>• Title of qualification awarded</li> </ul>	<p><i>June 1999 – May 2000 (3 weeks stay in Williamsburg in June 1999 - writing a paper on a specific court management project - stay of one week in Washington DC in May 2000)</i></p> <p><i>Institute for Court Management, National Centre for State Courts, Williamsburg, Virginia, U.S.</i></p> <p><b><i>Court management</i></b></p> <p><i>Fellow of the Institute for Court Management</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> <li>• Name and type of organisation providing education and training</li> <li>• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered</li> <li>• Title of qualification awarded</li> </ul>	<p><i>1997</i></p> <p><i>Department of Justice, Office of Continuous Learning for Judges</i></p> <p><b><i>Court management</i></b></p> <p><i>Certificate of completion</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> <li>• Name and type of organisation providing education and training</li> <li>• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered</li> <li>• Title of qualification awarded</li> </ul>	<p><i>1997</i></p> <p><i>Stichting Studiecentrum Rechtspleging (Dutch institute for judges' training), Zutphen the Netherlands, 1997</i></p> <p><b><i>Court management</i></b></p> <p><i>Certificate of completion</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> <li>• Name and type of organisation providing education and training</li> <li>• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered</li> <li>• Title of qualification awarded</li> </ul>	<p><i>August 1973 and august 1974(first and second cycle)</i></p> <p><i>Faculté de droit comparé de l'Université de Strasbourg (School of Comparative Law of the University of Strasbourg, France).</i></p> <p><b><i>Comparative Law</i></b></p> <p><i>Diploma first cycle and diploma second cycle</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> <li>• Name and type of organisation providing education and training</li> <li>• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered</li> <li>• Title of qualification awarded</li> </ul>	<p><i>September 1968 – June 1972</i></p> <p><i>Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Free University of Brussels)</i></p> <p><b><i>Law degree (5 years of legal education)</i></b></p> <p><i>Licencié en droit (JD equivalent), magna cum laude</i></p>

LANGUAGE SKILLS		
MOTHER TONGUE	<b>DUTCH</b>	
OTHER LANGUAGES	<p><b>FRENCH (SECOND LANGUAGE, DAYLY USED IN THE BILINGUAL BRUSSELS COURT)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading skills      excellent</li> <li>• Writing skills      excellent    see publications in French</li> <li>• Verbal skills      excellent</li> </ul> <p><b>ENGLISH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading skills      excellent</li> <li>• Writing skills      excellent    see publication in English</li> <li>• Verbal skills      excellent</li> </ul> <p><b>GERMAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading skills      very good</li> <li>• Writing skills      good</li> <li>• Verbal skills      good</li> </ul>	





<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>	<p>CONTACT PERSONS :</p> <p><b>Johan Vlogaert</b> Head of Unit External Aid Investigations, European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF), European Commission e-mail: JOHAN.VLOGAERT@CEC.EU.INT</p> <p><b>The Honorable Louise Mailhot,</b> Former judge at the court of appeals of Quebec, actually strategic counsel to Fasken Martineau's Litigation and Employment Law Practice Groups Montréal Canada e-mail : lmailhot@fasken.com</p> <p><b>Klaus Decker</b> Legal and Judicial Reform Public Sector Group – PREM Network e-mail: KDECKER@WORLDBANK.ORG.</p> <p><b>Karel De Gucht</b> Minister of Foreign Affairs Karmelietenstraat 15 B-1000 Brussel e-mail: <a href="mailto:kab.bz@diplobel.fed.be">kab.bz@diplobel.fed.be</a></p>
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**HHJ Howard Morrison CBE QC**

Born Kent UK 1949

Pots-school VSO service Ghana 1968-9 the London University [ law graduate LLB] Military service [Subaltern, Queen's Regt and subsequently Para Regt TAVR then RARO] and then development work in West and Central Africa [VSO officer responsible for Zambia and Malawi] Post-grad Bar final, Inns of Court School of Law, called to Bar by Grays Inn in 1977.

Private practice as a barrister from 1977 -1985 doing criminal, civil and family law cases when appointed as a Resident then Chief Magistrate of Fiji and, concurrently, Senior Magistrate of Tuvalu. Took Magistracy through first of two military coups intact, the second coup dismantled the constitution.

1988-89 Served as Attorney General of Anguilla getting anti drugs legislation through a very hostile Parliament and local legal community 1989- 2004 practice on the UK Midland Circuit in crime, sitting as a Assistant Recorder [1993] and Recorder [1997] in crime, family and civil cases. Appointed Queen's Counsel 2001.

.In practice prosecuted cases for the Crown Prosecution Service, Customs and Excise and the Serious Fraud Office at the highest prosecutorial grade in each case and defended in the most serious rape and murder cases. Defence practice included Courts Martial in UK and Germany.

From 1997-2004 defending at the UN International Criminal Tribunals for Yugoslavia and Rwanda defending in genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes allegations including two camp commanders [ICTY][Mucic and Nikolic] and a former Rwandan government Minister [Mugenzi][ICTR] charged with genocide. Created the procedure for dealing with cases of diminished responsibility at the ICTY in the case of Kovocavic.

Wide knowledge of international criminal and humanitarian and human rights law and a particular knowledge of the jurisprudence of the ad-hoc Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, in particular command and superior responsibility and the three modes of joint criminal enterprise.

Various publications mostly in the field of International criminal law.

Member of the Race Relations and Equal Opportunities Committees of the Bar Council 1994-2003.

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Master of the Bench, Grays Inn 2008

Appointed Circuit Judge December 2004. Authority to try all classes of cases. Extensive experience of teaching advocacy [Grays Inn] and international criminal, humanitarian and human rights issues at universities and conferences/seminars in the Middle East [Iraq, Dubai, Syria, Jordan and Egypt} , Australia [Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Castan Human Rights Centre, Monash University], Europe [including guest lecturer at the Scuola Superiore at the University of Catania, Sicily] 2007 German Bar Conference, 2008 Chaired meeting of the completion strategies for the ICTY/ICTR, European University at Florence. 2009 Co-chair expert meeting of the Amsterdam Centre of Interdisciplinary Research on International Crimes and Security and the USA for the IBA, British Council and independently. OBE [Services to Fiji] (1988), CBE [Services to international law] (2007)  
Appointed visiting Senior Judge for the Sovereign Base Areas, Cyprus 2007.

Appointed Trial Judge by the UN Sec General for the Special Tribunal for the Lebanon 2009

Member of Fijian and Eastern Caribbean Bars

Member of Justice, the Commonwealth Judges and Magistrates Association and British Institute for International and Comparative Law

Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society

Member of the Advisory Board, OUP Journal of International Criminal Law.

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**Sir Burton Hall, Kt., KSS,  
Chief Justice and Head of the Judiciary  
(5 September 2001 - present)  
Commonwealth of The Bahamas**

***Birth:*** Nassau, The Bahamas, 10 December 1947

***Education:***

Sir Burton received an LL. B degree, with Honours, from the University of the West Indies in 1974 and the Legal Education Certificate of the Council of Legal Education of the West Indies in 1976.

***Professional Life:***

Sir Burton began his public service career in 1968 and served as a Probation Officer and Clerk in the House of Assembly before he began his legal studies.

He entered the Office of the Attorney General as an Assistant Counsel following his admission to the Bar in 1976. He progressed through the ranks of that Office (acting as a Stipendiary and Circuit Magistrate for two years) and held the post of Solicitor General when he was appointed to act as a Justice of the Supreme Court in October of 1990. As Solicitor General, he represented The Bahamas at several regional conferences dealing with drug trafficking and economic crimes.

He was confirmed as a Justice of the Supreme Court with effect from 1 February 1991 and served in that office (presiding over criminal, civil, constitutional and family matters) until he was appointed to the Court of Appeal on 1 April 1997. He demitted office as a Justice of Appeal on 4 September 2001 in order to assume his present post as Chief Justice and Head of the Judiciary.

During 1998, Mr. Justice Hall, as he referred to then, was appointed Chairman of the National Crime Commission. The Commission presented its report to the Government on 30 November of that year.

In 1999 Sir Burton was appointed to serve a three-year term as a member of the Administrative Tribunal of the Inter-American Development Bank, and, in 2002, was appointed for a further, and final, three-year term which ended in 2004.

In August of 2005, Sir Burton was elected by the General Assembly of the United Nations an *ad litem* Judge to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

In addition to his present duties, he is also Course Director in Constitutional Law and Legal Systems at the Eugene Dupuch Law School, Council of Legal Education.

In June of 2002, having completed the programme of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute at Dalhousie University School of Law, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, Sir Burton became a Fellow of that Institute.



***Honours and Awards:***

As is customary in The Bahamas, on becoming Chief Justice, Sir Burton was made a Knight Bachelor by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II (who has continued as the constitutional Head of State of The Bahamas since Independence in 1973).

In 2003, he was made a Knight of the Order of St Sylvester by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II. In 2004, Sir Burton was awarded the Pelican Alumni Peer award as outstanding alumnus of the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus.

***Professional Memberships:***

Sir Burton is a member of: the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Lawyers' Association; the Commonwealth Lawyers Association, and the International Law Association, and holds associate membership in the American Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association.

***Family Life:***

Married with three children and two grandchildren

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