

The Government of Japan nominated Ms. Tomoko Akane, Public Prosecutor, Supreme Public Prosecutors Office of Japan, and Ambassador for International Judicial Cooperation, as a candidate for a judge of the International Criminal Court for the term 2018-2027, at the elections to be held during the sixteen session of the Assembly of States Parties scheduled for 4 to 14 December 2017.

The nomination of Ms. Akane was made in accordance with article 36, paragraph 4 (a) (i), of the Rome Statute, i.e., the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in the State in question.

Article 39, paragraph 2, of the Court Act of Japan specifies that justices of the Supreme Court, the highest judicial office in Japan, shall be appointed by the Cabinet. Accordingly, Ms. Akane's nomination as the Japanese candidate for a judge of the ICC was approved at the Cabinet Meeting of the Government of Japan on 22 April 2016.