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ADC-ICT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR GENDER PARITY FOR JUDGES AND PRINCIPALS AT THE RESIDUAL MECHANISM

The General Assembly of the Association of Defence Counsel practising before the International Courts and Tribunals (ADC-ICT):

NOTES that 19 of the 25 judges and all three of the Principals of the International Residual Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals are men;

NOTES that in paragraph 11 of the Seventh Annual Report of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (A74/267), the Mechanism's President wrote:

While Judge Hoefler's appointment increases the number of female judges to 6 out of 25, the Mechanism emphasizes that more needs to be done by the nominating States to improve gender parity at the highest levels.

NOTES that gender parity cannot be achieved in a reasonable time if the current Judges of the Mechanism are simply re-appointed every two years;

CONSIDERS that the responsibility for gender equality is an individual one and not simply one to be assumed by nominating States;

HEREBY calls upon the present Judges and Principals of the Mechanism not to seek re-appointment when their current terms expire on 30 June 2020 so as to provide the nominating States the opportunity to implement gender parity at the Mechanism immediately, rather than by the slow process of attrition;

DIRECTS the ADC-ICT Head of Office to send a copy of this Resolution to each Judge and Principal of the Mechanism, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Executive Director of UN Women, and make it available to the public.