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Dear Richard and Jim,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 13 September 2021 concerning the due diligence process for candidates for the posts of Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. I am grateful for your commitment and the importance you attach to the integrity of this important process, which I deeply share. As always, I welcome and value engagement with civil society on these and other matters in our respective independent mandates.

I seize the opportunity to refer you to my letter of 10 October 2021, referenced: OTP2021/018358, concerning the shortlisting of candidates nominated for election as Deputy Prosecutors by the Assembly of States Parties, detailing the process followed to date, along with its accompanying annexes.¹

Please rest assured that your letter has received careful consideration and will equally provide value to similar elections in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc:

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¹ Available online on the ASP official website, Elections, https://asp.icc-cpi.int/EN_Menu/asp/elections/prosecutor/pages/deputyprosecutor2021.aspx.