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**Subject: IRENA Arbitration Panel** 

To whom it may concern

I am pleased to submit my candidature for consideration as a potential member of the IRENA Arbitration Panel. Please find my CV attached.

I am a lawyer with the certification to sit as a judge in Germany and have worked for more than 30 years for and with international organizations. While I worked for most of my career in the Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations, New York, I have acquired additional experience as Acting General Counsel of the United Nations Office for Project Services, as Legal Advisor with IRENA and as Legal Advisor of the Integrated Office of the United Nations in Burundi.

In connection with Rule 7 (2) of the IRENA Provisional Arbitration Rules, I would like to note that through my career with the United Nations and as a long-time member of the Office of Legal Affairs, General Legal Division (GLD), I have gained considerable experience in handling and resolving employment cases, including at the senior management level. Indeed, one of the core mandates of GLD is to provide advice on, and represent the Secretary-General in employment-related disputes that may have arisen with staff members or non-staff personnel. As a Legal Officer of GLD and head of the arbitration unit, I have participated in numerous arbitration proceedings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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## Career Summary:

Sep - Dec 2022

Acting General Counsel, United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS): Overall responsibility for all legal aspects of the mandate and operational issues of UNOPS' activities

Nov 2011 – Dec 2021

Deputy Director and Principal Legal Officer, General Legal Division (GLD), Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations:

One of the core mandates of GLD is to represent the Secretary-General in disputes with staff before the UN Appeals Tribunal (within the framework of the UN Administration of Justice) and with non-staff personnel before an arbitral tribunal. In addition, I provided legal advice to assist all parts of the United Nations, including its funds and programmes and peace operations, in connection with their activities and assisted in the management of the Division.

Sep 2009 – Oct 2011

Senior Legal Officer, GLD, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations: As the head of the arbitration unit of GLD, I provided legal advice with particular focus on the representation of the United Nations before judicial and arbitral tribunals. I further provided advice on the activities and mandates of the Funds and Programmes of the United Nations, including advice in connection with the establishment of UN Women in October 2009.

Mar 2011 – April 2011 Legal Advisor, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA):

Secondment from the United Nations to IRENA to assist the Preparatory Commission for IRENA in its transition to a new international organization and the first IRENA Assembly that took place on 4 and 5 April 2011. I advised the Director-General on a number of legal instruments necessary for the commencement of the operations of IRENA, including IRENA's Financial and Staff Regulations.

Nov 2007 – Aug 2009

Legal Advisor, United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi (BINUB):
I provided legal advice to the Executive Representative of the Secretary-General for Burundi on all aspects of BINUB's mandate, including the peace process and the electoral process. In addition, I provided advice on personnel, administrative, operational and contractual matters relating to BINUB's activities, in particular on claims brought forward by former employees of BINUB and the preceding UN mission in Burundi (ONUB).

Jul 2005 - Oct 2007

Senior Legal Officer, GLD, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations:
I provided legal advice with particular focus on (i) the representation of the
United Nations before judicial and arbitral tribunals, (ii) humanitarian assistance

and activities of the United Nations, (iii) mandates and activities of the Funds and Programmes of the United Nations, and (iv) private public partnerships.

Jan 1998 - Jun 2005

Legal Officer, GLD, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations:

I provided legal advice on personnel, administrative and commercial matters. Contributed to the resolution of claims brought against the Organization by its staff, non-staff personnel and third parties, including through arbitration.

Deputy staff representative for OLA (2001/2002).

Mar 1996 - Jan 1998

Legal Officer, Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations: As the head of the Depositary Unit of the Treaty Section, I was responsible for dealing with all legal aspects relating to the Secretary-General's function as depositary of multilateral treaties. Regularly advised on and assisted in the drafting of provisions (in particular the final clauses) of new treaties to be adopted.

Oct 1991 - Feb 1996

Associate Legal Officer, Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations:
As the head of the Registration Unit of the Treaty Section (from Nov 1993 onwards), I was responsible for performing the UN Secretariat's functions under Article 102 of the Charter.

Jul 1987 - Nov 1990

Assistant Professor, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany: Legal research and teaching of university courses in international public law, including European law.

Education:

May 1984 – Jan 1987 Referendariat (post graduate in Law), Berlin, Germany

Mar 1987: 2<sup>nd</sup> State Examen (Law), certified to be able to sit as judge in

Germany

Sep 1978 - Oct 1983

National and international law at the University Kiel, Germany

Nov 1983: 1st State Examen

<u>Publications:</u>

July 1990

Lawyers in the European Economic Community, Oceana Publications

June 1990

Commentary on several articles of the Treaty of Rome establishing the European

**Economic Community**