



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

## BETI HOHLER

**Slovenia's Candidate  
for the International Criminal Court Judicial Elections  
December 2023**

EXPERIENCE – COMMITMENT – INTEGRITY



# BETI HOHLER'S FIVE ICC JUDICIAL COMMITMENTS:

- 1) Deliver and promote proactive case management and focused litigation.
- 2) Maintain and promote unimpeachable standards of integrity, impartiality and independence.
- 3) Deliver high-quality judicial reasoning in a timely manner.
- 4) Embrace and promote the use of modern technology to improve efficiency.
- 5) Promote a shared vision of the Court both internally and externally, as well as collaborative working practices and collegiality in Chambers.



### **BETI HOHLER'S PROFILE:**

- Specialist in international criminal law with experience in both judge-led and adversarial proceedings.
- In-depth knowledge of the ICC's legal framework and jurisprudence based on years of practical experience in courtroom litigation.
- Extensive experience in complex international criminal cases before international and internationalised courts.
- More than 15 years of progressively responsible experience as a litigation lawyer, prosecutor and judicial advisor in domestic and international jurisdictions.
- More than a decade of professional experience in multinational and multi-ethnic working environments with colleagues from different legal traditions and backgrounds.
- Expertise in addressing sexual and gender-based violence and violence against and affecting children.
- In-depth understanding and experience of new technologies in criminal trials, including the use of electronic evidence.
- Trainer in international criminal law and advocacy at international training events for judges, prosecutors, and advocates.
- Certified mediator with training in intercultural negotiations.
- Lecturer in international criminal law and author of publications in the field of international criminal law and human rights; one of the authors of the leading Commentary of the Rome Statute in English (2022, articles 105-107).

## **COMMENDATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA, MRS NATAŠA PIRC MUSAR, PHD**

**I am pleased to commend the candidature of Ms Beti Hohler for the election as a judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC).**

Ms Hohler is an internationally established expert in criminal law and procedure, with extensive practical and academic experience in international criminal justice. She has worked as counsel, prosecutor and judicial advisor, and has spent most of her career in international courtrooms. Ms Hohler possesses in-depth knowledge of the Court's legal framework and jurisprudence and, as a judge, she would undoubtedly contribute significantly to the efficiency and effectiveness of its judicial processes. In addition to her qualifications and competence, Ms Hohler is a person of unwavering integrity, impartiality, independence, and professionalism. She is committed to the mission of the Court and to international justice, as stated in her curriculum vitae.

Ms Hohler was selected in a fair, competitive, transparent, and merit-based procedure for the appointment of candidates to the highest judicial offices in the Republic of Slovenia, in accordance with the legal provisions on the nomination of candidates for judges of international courts and tribunals. Her candidature was approved by a majority of the votes of the Slovenian National Assembly deputies. If elected, Ms Hohler would be the first ICC judge from Slovenia.

Ms Hohler's candidature reflects Slovenia's continued commitment to the ICC. Supporting the fight against impunity, the Court and the rule of law have traditionally been an essential and inherent part of its foreign policy. As a responsible member of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute, Slovenia has consistently contributed to the work of the ICC in various forms, with a view to strengthening the institution and realizing its full potential.

I believe that the Court's ability to successfully address the growing need for effective exercise of its jurisdiction over the most serious crimes is primarily based on its internal strength and stability, which depends on professional competence, dedication, and the capabilities of its elected officials, especially judges.

To this end, Slovenia is privileged to introduce a truly compelling candidate to serve as a judge. A candidate who has the vision and the energy to take on the specific challenges as an ICC judge, a candidate with experience, expertise, and integrity.

As President of the Republic of Slovenia and as a lawyer who has spent many years in both public and private practice, upholding the rule of law and protecting human rights, I would like to wholeheartedly commend Ms Hohler to you. I am convinced that, with her knowledge and personal qualities, she would significantly contribute to the mandate and the future of the Court.



**Nataša Pirc Musar, Phd  
President of the Republic of Slovenia**

## BETI HOHLER ON HER CANDIDACY:

I am honoured to be Slovenia's candidate in the upcoming ICC judicial elections.

With my expertise in international criminal law and dedication to international criminal justice, I am confident that I can make a meaningful contribution to the future of the Court.

My entire career has been dedicated to ensuring accountability for the most serious international crimes. I have extensive experience in international criminal proceedings as an advocate and judicial advisor. Having served with the Court for the past eight years, I bring profound knowledge of its legal framework and jurisprudence, as well as an in-depth understanding of its operational environment and structure. I am cognizant of the Court's internal and external challenges, and I have the necessary energy and determination to address them.

I am deeply committed to the mandate of the Court. I have seen first-hand the transformative power of justice delivered. I have seen how life-changing the promise of justice can be for victims of atrocity crimes. Delivering on that promise by conducting fair and expeditious proceedings is what motivates me.

With its rapidly growing workload, the Court needs judges with experience in complex international criminal proceedings. It needs judges who are versed in dealing with sexual and gender-based violence and crimes against children to ensure that these areas continue to receive focused judicial treatment. The Court needs judges who embrace modern technology to improve the efficiency of proceedings. I believe that my experience and achievements, my personal characteristics and my command of international criminal law and procedure demonstrate that I will be such a judge.



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## CONTACT

Ms Hohler is looking forward to receiving any inquiries you may have about her experience, suitability and vision for the Court. She is committed to engaging with all States Parties and other stakeholders.

If you would like further information on Beti Hohler's candidacy for the ICC, please contact the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia: [slovenia.icc@gov.si](mailto:slovenia.icc@gov.si)

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