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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Romanian candidacy for the position of Judge of the International Court of Justice
	- Request by the Romanian Delegation for an AOB item

Delegations will find attached a note from the Romanian Delegation concerning the Romanian candidacy for the position of Judge of the International Court of Justice. The topic will be included as an “Any other business” item on the agenda for the Foreign Affairs Council on 20 July 2023.

AOB item requested by Romania for the FAC (20 July 2023)**Information by Romania**

Romania would like to inform about the nomination of Professor Dr Bogdan Aurescu, former minister of foreign affairs of Romania, as candidate for the position of Judge of the International Court of Justice at the elections that will take place in November 2023 in the General Assembly and Security Council.

Professor Dr Bogdan Aurescu has a vast experience in international law, both as a practitioner and as an academic. He has a 27-year diplomatic career, including two mandates as foreign minister (2014-2015 and 2019-2023), and a 25-year academic one.

This candidacy has a special background, as the Romanian candidate is competing against Russia's for one seat traditionally occupied by States from the Eastern European Group within the UN.

In the current international context, Romania considers that gathering the EU's support for Professor Dr Bogdan Aurescu's candidacy and mobilizing efforts to fight against Russia having an elected judge on the bench of the International Court of Justice are of paramount importance, taking into account Russia's blatant violation of international law by its illegal armed attack against Ukraine and the most serious international crimes committed by its troops in this country.
