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### Justice Julia Sebutinde of Trial Chamber II Elected to the International Court of Justice

Justice Julia Sebutinde, a Judge of the Special Court's Trial Chamber II, was elected on Tuesday to a seat on the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

She was elected to a nine-year term on Tuesday afternoon, after she received an absolute majority of votes in both the UN General Assembly and the Security Council.

Justice Sebutinde, a British-trained Ugandan jurist, joined the Special Court in January 2005 as a Judge of Trial Chamber II. Between 2005 and 2007, she and her fellow Judges, Justice Teresa Doherty of Northern Ireland and Justice Richard Lussick of Samoa, heard arguments in the trial of three former leaders of Sierra Leone's former Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC).

The AFRC trial, which saw first-ever convictions for the use of child soldiers, concluded in 2007, and Trial Chamber II was assigned to sit on the trial of former Liberian President Charles Taylor in The Hague.

Justice Sebutinde has twice served as Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber II, most recently from January 2010 to January 2011.

Her term at the ICJ will begin on 6 February 2012.

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