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Re: Engagement with the International Criminal Court

Dear _____ :

The International Criminal Court needs the support of the United States. The United Nations Security Council referred the situation in Darfur to the ICC, and the United States has called the situation in Darfur genocide. America cannot sit by and permit genocide to continue, and must support the efforts of the ICC to prosecute those accused of genocide and other atrocity crimes. The threat of criminal prosecution by the ICC is another weapon to be used to combat genocide when the domestic national system fails to protect its citizenry. The more nations that join to the Rome Treaty, the stronger the ICC will be. The US must be engaged with the ICC to make it more effective.

The ICC has high regard for the procedural rights of the accused. The complementary provisions of the ICC make prosecution of individuals with properly functioning judicial systems very unlikely. The US has a functioning judicial system, and a case is not “admissible” before the ICC if there has been a genuine national investigation and/or prosecution, or prosecution can be declined if it would not be in the interests of justice. The review of US administration policies by our courts means it is unlikely any US official would ever be prosecuted by the ICC. And the current prosecutor has demonstrated the ICC will not be used for improper political purposes.

The ICC will have a review conference, which will include inclusion of the crime of aggression. The US would benefit from participation in the review conference, and membership in ICC also permits nationals to be judges of the ICC.

Please support full US engagement and participation with the ICC.

Very truly yours,