

In Response to US Sanctions Imposed on the International Criminal Court as an Institution

Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties:

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The unprecedented escalation in the use of coercive measures represents a regrettable attempt to obstruct the Court and its personnel from independently exercising their judicial functions.

These measures are intended to directly challenge an international legal institution that was established through painstaking efforts to ensure accountability and prevent impunity.

The designation of the Court as an institution follows the imposition of sanctions targeting its elected officials.

The Bureau reaffirms its unwavering support for the Court, its officials, and all those who contribute to the implementation of its judicial mandate under the Rome Statute.

The Bureau reiterates its determination to uphold the principles of international justice and judicial independence, and to stand united in support of the Court, its elected officials, its staff, and all those cooperating with it in carrying out their roles and responsibilities under the Rome Statute.

The Bureau emphasizes the importance of cooperation with the Court by all States Parties and relevant stakeholders within the Rome Statute system.

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The Bureau calls for the immediate lifting of these sanctions, About the Assembly of States Parties

The Assembly of States Parties is the management oversight and legislative body of the International Criminal Court.

The Bureau of the Assembly consists of a President, two Vice-Presidents, and 18 members elected by the Assembly for three-year terms.

The Bureau is representative in character and assists the Assembly in discharging its responsibilities.

End of Statement