

July 17, 2010

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Representatives of your administration recently returned from the International Criminal Court Review Conference in Kampala, Uganda where they successfully shared U.S. views and concerns about the ICC, achieved U.S. objectives and proved that your approach to multilateral diplomacy works. Thank you for your visionary efforts to bring the U.S. back to the table and for helping to advance the cause of international justice for atrocity crimes.

July 17 is International Justice Day, a celebration of the ICC, its achievements and its future. I am concerned, however, that the U.S. is inadequately prepared for its future relations with the ICC. Recent statements by government officials indicate that your administration no longer plans to complete an integrated policy toward the ICC, in part because of the difficulty of achieving it. This may leave the U.S. in a dangerous situation where it does not have standing procedures to deal with difficult ICC situations that confront U.S. interests. Your administration early on committed to completing such a policy.

As the nation and the world celebrate international justice this July 17, please ensure that the U.S. builds a strong and enduring relationship with the Court. The United States needs a comprehensive policy which supports a constructive, collaborative and transparent approach to the ICC.

Sincerely,