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The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute, the International Association of Judges firmly condemn recent attacks and the imposition of sanctions against the International Criminal Court, by the United States.

We wish to recall that the ICC is a cornerstone of international justice and a key component for international peace and security. Sanctions against court officials dangerously weaken the international justice system as a whole and are a threat to the protection of human rights and rule of law around the world.

These deplorable acts undermine the critical role that the Court plays to ensure accountability for the most serious crimes, and obstruct the course of justice, jeopardising victims' right to remedy and reparation.

Chair, distinguished delegates,

No one is above the law. We must stand with victims and those who seek justice and we must stand united against impunity. The Court's integrity and independence must always be preserved from any political interference and pressure.

We call on this Council to ensure full support and cooperation with the Court, so that it can keep carrying out its important mandate of ensuring equal justice for all victims of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression.

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