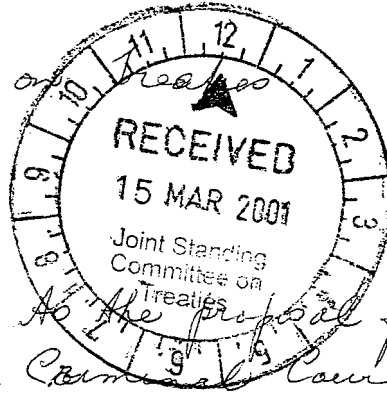


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Submission No. 156

Dear Sir,

With regard to the proposal for a Treaty to form an International Criminal Court which I understand is under discussion in our Parliament at present with a view to ratification by Australia.

I would urge our Parliament not - I say not to ratify this proposed statute under any circumstances.

As currently structured, this statute will transfer a vast amount of its decision making authority from a sovereign nation, to an international court. I know that the Statute purports to be instituted to handle only cases of genocide, war crimes, or crimes against humanity, but many people believe its purpose is more sinister.

A recently issued manual for the implementation of this Statute says that "The I. C. C. is no ordinary international regulatory body" and asserts that a nation must make modifications to its code of criminal law and human rights legislation if they ^{do} not at present comply with the law established by the I. C. C. Statute.

The proposed procedures of the Court are unjust and open to manipulation, corruption + injustice and its ratification should be strongly opposed.

yours faithfully
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