



Submission No. 49.....

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To the Chairman Joint Standing Committee on Treaties,

Re: Inquiry into the 1998 Statute for an International Criminal Court

I am writing to protest against the signing of the ratification status of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

I believe that to the general, unsuspecting public, the notion of the ICC gives the veneer of an appealing judicial mechanism in the fight against deplorable offences, of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

HOWEVER, through reading the article by Richard. G. Wilkins, 'Doing The Right Thing: The International Criminal Court And Social Engineering,' it becomes very apparent that to ratify the treaty would be a mistake. Richard. G. Wilkins highlights the fact that the language used in the treaty is vague, therefore open to interpretation by the judges of the ICC. This status may also allow for the overruling of the fundamental rights of nations, even if these nations did not ratify the treaty.

Before making any decisions and signing for our nation, I urge you to look into the ramifications that may occur. Once it is signed, we cannot go back and undo what is done.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Ransom.