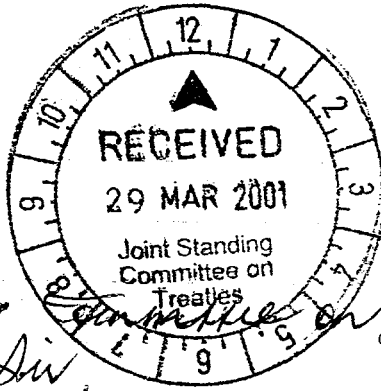


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Your committee is presently considering the ratification of the International Criminal Court Statute following the adoption of the Treaty in 1998

There is growing concern that it would not be in our best interests to ratify this Statute as some of its definitions have been broadened to be all inclusive; Article 6 (Genocide) and Article 7 (Crimes against Humanity) are examples.

In addition the independent power of the I.C.C. prosecutor to initiate investigation without approval of the nations concerned is potentially dangerous.

I urge the Committee not to ratify this Statute on the I.C.C.

Yours Sincerely  
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