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To the Committee Secretary,
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Dear Editor,

The establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC) for the purpose of stopping the activities of malevolent dictators is to be applauded.

Current ICC structures however, commit signatory nations to conceding vast areas of decision-making authority to the ICC.

Mortally-wounded sovereignty cannot support the lawful democratic right of citizens to determine culturally suitable legislation.

Even the government of the United States, the so-called "world policeman" has grave misgivings about letting it's citizens be tried according a law other than its own.

In the place of national creative initiative, the ICC prefers submission to a bureaucratic apparatus with superior "ordering" and "decision-making" functions.

The ICC is determined to take precedence in any disagreement with a nation's own legislation.

In fact, the ICC manual suggests "it would be prudent" for countries "to incorporate all acts defined as crimes" into their own national laws.

Who are the ICC that they presume to arrogate the power of ultimate arbiter of right and wrong to themselves?

The ICC's big-brother attitude is about as subtle as an elephant stomping in a strawberry patch. Australia does not need the current incarnation of the International Criminal Court.

Yours truly,


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