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Committee Secretary,
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties,
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Dear Committee Secretary,

Please recognise that a so-called "complementary" jurisdiction of the ICC with our own judicial systems, inescapably defies the integrity not only of our national sovereignty but also our jurisprudence and the 'rule of law' that so distinguishes this nation from so many less advantaged.

This Statute makes a nonsense of the whole definition of 'genocide' whereby even spurious 'mental' injury can be misrepresented as such.

Please give due weight and deliberation to my concerns, which I understand are even shared by such an eminent and reputable person as former Chief Justice Sir Harry Gibbs, and unconditionally repudiate this Statute.

The UN's ICC when initiated to try and catch monsters like Pol Pot had some validity. But to now be hi-jacked as a vehicle attempting to subvert the judicial integrity of nations with a reputable 'rule of law', warrants its own termination. Any serious consideration of ratifying it's corrosive statutes is absurd and irresponsible.

Yours faithfully,

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