



Submission No.28.....

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The Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir / Madam

**Re: Inquiry into the 1998 Statute of an International
Criminal Court**

Your inquiry asks whether it is in the national interest for Australia to be bound to the terms of the Statute for an International Criminal Court (I.C.C.). The following shows that the I.C.C. Statute as it now stands, is not in Australia's interest, nor in the interests of any of the nations of the world.

A part of the preamble of I.C.C. states

Conscious that all people are united by common bonds, their cultures pieced together in a share heritage, and concerned that this delicate mosaic may be shattered at any time."

Mention is made of "common bonds", "cultures", "common heritage". What are these commonalities? They are indeed the Seven Universal Noahide Laws given by G-d, to Adam the progenitor of all mankind, then to Noah and were

repeated by G-d at Mount Sinai. The Noahide Laws are encumbent on all cultures, on all humanity and are enumerated here.

The Seven Universal Noahide Laws are:

- 1) Recognition of G-d as Sole Creator and Sovereign Ruler of the Universe and the prohibition of idolatry**
- 2) Prohibition of blasphemy**
- 3) Prohibition of murder**
- 4) Prohibition of incest, adultery and all forms of immorality, including homosexuality and bestiality**
- 5) Prohibition of theft**
- 6) Establishment of courts of justice**
- 7) Prohibition of the taking or eating from an animal while it is still alive**

These Laws recognise that G-d gave the land of Israel to the Jewish people.

From the preamble it is clear that "this delicate mosaic" – that of common bonds, cultures and that of a shared heritage - "may be shattered at any time". Unfortunately this is exactly what has happened in the formulation of the I.C.C. and its ratification. Why? Because no mention has been made of the Seven Universal Noahide Laws and no reference has been made in the I.C.C. Preamble of the special place of Israel in the world and the respect due to Israel by the international community.

It is integral to The Seven Universal Noahide Laws that the sovereignty and sanctity of the Land of Israel is inviolable. The Seven Universal Noahide Laws oppose the concoction of "punishable crimes" which are not validated by Torah and the Seven Universal Noahide Laws by anyone including states, countries, national or international treaties, tribunals, conventions, bodies, courts, the I.C.C. and the United Nations. An example of such a "concoction of punishable crimes" could be that of "occupying territories" and that of defending oneself in the Holy Land of Israel. Such concoctions are of course unjust, because they are not validated by The Seven Universal Noahide Laws. Thus sanctions, verbal or actual, against Israel are also unjust.

Another part of the I.C.C. preamble reads:

Reaffirming the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and in particular that all States shall refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations".

This statement of I.C.C. is again inconsistent with the Seven Universal Noahide Laws because the "Purpose of the United Nations" has been to repeatedly bully Israel, and because of the United Nations' failure to understand the purpose of the Holy Land of Israel.

It is therefore recommended that Australia withdraw its ratification of the I.C.C. or alternately, engage in an education campaign within I.C.C. with the aim of correcting the I.C.C. Statute so that the integrity of Israel may be advanced.

Clearly it is neither in the interest of Australia nor in the interest of any other nation to be bound by the I.C.C. Statute as it now stands.

For world peace to be advanced, the nations of the world must support, strengthen and protect Israel from threat or attack, and must conduct their dealings within the framework of the Seven Universal Noahide Laws.

Yours faithfully

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