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THE SECRETARY
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TREATIES
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
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Dear Sir

Recently, I have become aware of the Federal Government intention to ratify the 1998 Statute for the International Criminal Court.

Signing this treaty is not in our National interest. It strikes at the very heart of our National Sovereignty, by subjugating the rightful laws of Federal and State Parliaments to the whim of international law.

When one considers the various dubious standards that masquerade as "International Law" one can only be amazed that our politicians are even considering the issue.

A good, recent example is that of the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment... That scheme, thankfully, was exposed by various small groups for its real purpose.... Exploitation by multinationals of both labour and capital absolutely irrespective of the sovereignty of signatory nations.

It can be predicted with a certain mathematical precision that the designs of the proponents of this Statute, and its supporters within Australia, will not support the future well being of the people of our Nation. The clear intention is to subjugate both the Parliaments and people of our Nation to a World Government.

The Treaty should be rejected outright. Please convey my views to your committee forthwith.

Yours Faithfully

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