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**Regarding Judges and Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court
targeted by the sanctions of the USA**

In the course of 2025, and on two separate occasions, the Government of the United States of America has targeted judges, prosecutors and deputy prosecutors of the International Criminal Court (ICC). This has involved the imposition of sanctions on these individuals simply because they have carried out activities which are within their mandate under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. The sanctioned individuals have been effectively cut from services provided by US companies, including essential everyday services, such as access to the banking systems and transactions.

In the absence of any improvement in the situation of the lawyers concerned, the ENCI, EAJ and ACA Europe express its strong support to the sanctioned individuals. The ICC investigates and tries persons accused of the gravest offences known to the international community: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression. It is therefore essential that judicial independence (a fundamental element of the right to a fair trial and one of the cornerstones of the Rule of Law) be guaranteed and preserved. These sanctions represent the blatant imposition of extreme pressure on an independent and impartial institution, to which 125 States subscribe. **These sanctions must be withdrawn.**

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