



The Tenth Chautauqua Declaration **August 29, 2017**

In the spirit of humanity and peace, the assembled current and former international prosecutors and their representatives here at the Chautauqua Institution...

Recognizing the continuing need for justice and the rule of law as the foundation to international peace and security, and cognizant of the legacy of all those who preceded us at Nuremberg and elsewhere:

Commend Zainab Hawa Bangura as the ninth recipient of the Joshua Heintz Humanitarian Award for her important and impressive service to humanity;

Commend the United Nations for creating the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Those Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes in Syria, but note the continued atrocities in Syria and call upon the international community to seek ways that justice can be done for the people of Syria;

Note that there are other areas of continued distress around the world that need appropriate accountability mechanisms, such as Yemen, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Northern Iraq, and call upon the international community and national authorities to ensure accountability, in accordance with international standards;

Commend the start of accountability in the Central African Republic, but note that there appears to be a lack of funding and support for these courts and that the courts are needed to continue the process of stabilization and civilian protection, a condition that continues to challenge current justice mechanisms around the world;

Note the completion of the trial of Hissène Habré in the Extraordinary African Chambers and the support of Senegal;

Note the imminent completion of the judicial mandate of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and commend its contribution to the development of international criminal law, its record of successful prosecutions of those most responsible for the crimes committed, and its promotion of accountability and peace in the former Yugoslavia;

Note the importance of standing behind the findings of international judicial mechanisms;

Condemn the dangers of the glorification of convicted war criminals and of the denial of crimes;

Note the importance of the work of residual mechanisms in the accountability process and the need for sustained support for their operations;

Recognize the efforts of national prosecuting authorities to prosecute war crimes, whether in the countries where the crimes were committed or in third states;

Note the importance of accountability for the crimes committed in South Sudan and the agreement to establish the African Union Hybrid Court for South Sudan;

Now do solemnly declare and call upon the international community to keep the spirit of the Nuremberg Principles alive by:

Reaffirming our commitment to mindful stewardship of the resources allocated to international criminal justice;

Declaring that states must continue to support the work of the International Criminal Court and to promote the universality of the Rome Statute;

Reaffirming that states should fund and support the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Those Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes in Syria, and should create and support other mechanisms to prosecute and document atrocities and to promote the fight against impunity;

Calling for the implementation and full funding of the special criminal courts in the Central African Republic and the African Union Hybrid Court for South Sudan;

Encouraging the United States to appoint as Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues an individual with a demonstrated commitment to international justice.

Signed in Mutual Witness:



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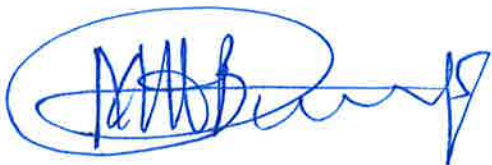
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