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IAJ Resolution ICC Sanctions

The Central Council of the International Association of Judges (IAJ), at its meeting in Lisbon, Portugal on October 19, 2026, resolved to condemn the recent sanctions of the government of the United States of America against the International Criminal Court (ICC).

The latest sanctions imposed against the ICC as an institution – as, previously, against individual judges and staff members of the ICC – constitute an unprecedented and unacceptable interference with judicial independence. Political or economic pressure from a government of any country shall not be permitted to influence the legal prosecution of the most serious crimes against humanity. Anyone who threatens judges acting under a mandate of international law by freezing their accounts, denying them financial services and imposing travel bans undermines the very foundations of the international legal order and the rule of law as such. Independent courts must be able to operate without fear of reprisal. This applies at the national level just as much as it does on the sphere of the international criminal law.

The IAJ calls upon the 125 States Parties of the ICC to protect the Court and its judges and staff against the consequences of these sanctions at every possible level.

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