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INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE DAY: WORLD CELEBRATES 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW GLOBAL SYSTEM TO END IMPUNITY

[Name of your organization] Urges States to Deliver on Review Conference Commitments and
Reiterates its Call for Universality of the Rome Statute

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[On IJD, [Name of your organization] Urges Government of [country name] to [Join the
International Criminal Court/Implement International Criminal Court Treaty/Cooperate with the
International Criminal Court]

[Place of issuance of press release - Date] – On 17 July the world celebrates International Justice Day in honor of the anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute, the founding treaty of the International Criminal Court (ICC). International Justice Day is a reminder of the urgency for all States committed to justice to ensure continued support for the Rome Statute's international justice system [or] On IJD, [Name of your organization] urges [Name of Country] to reaffirm its commitment to ending the culture of impunity and take the necessary steps to ratify [or] accede to the ICC Rome Statute.

[Add related quote from an official of your organization].

Twelve years ago on this date, the Rome Statute was adopted by an overwhelming vote of 120 states. Today, 111 states have joined the Court and the number keeps growing. [Name of your organization] is celebrating this day in solidarity with victims of crimes against humanity, genocide and war crimes. [Add one or two lines on any event planned by organization on IJD]

International Justice Day is an opportunity for the world community to celebrate the historic advances in ending impunity for the worst crimes in international law. Since 1993, 181 trials, dealing with terrible crimes committed in 12 countries, have been held by six international and special tribunals. Similar trials for the gravest crimes are ongoing at national levels. To date, 3 trials are being conducted at the ICC, investigations in 5 countries were opened, and twelve arrest warrants and three summonses to appear were issued. Allegations of crimes committed in many other countries are being considered by the ICC Prosecutor.

This year, International Justice Day takes place only a few weeks following the conclusion of the first Review Conference of the ICC Rome Statute, which was held in Kampala, Uganda from 31 May to 11 June. At the Conference, ICC Member States agreed upon amendments to the Rome Statute. In particular, the Review Conference adopted a definition of the Crime of Aggression as well as provisions governing the terms of the Court's ability to investigate and prosecute individuals for the crime of aggression. In Kampala, States also made important commitments on the issues of cooperation, complementarity, victims and affected communities, and peace and justice. [Name of your organization] now calls on States to turn words into concrete actions.

[Add background on your country's situation regarding the ICC].

If applicable: [Name of your organization] is a member of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC). The CICC is a civil society network of 2,500 organizations in 150 countries advocating for a fair, effective and independent ICC. Through this committed global partnership, the Coalition's guiding mission is to make justice universally accessible for victims of the gravest crimes in an effort to secure lasting peace. For more information, see: <http://www.coalitionfortheicc.org/>

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