

**Commemoration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rome  
Statute**

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Amazing things have taken place since 1995 when the ICC process started. We now have in place a permanent international criminal court. The court serves as a perpetual reminder to would-be dictators and tyrants that high as they may appear to be, the rule of law is always above them and that they are no longer untouchable.

There is no gainsaying that the CICC role in all these developments has been pivotal. From the start it campaigned for an independent, effective and credible court. It waged a relentless effort for global ratification of the Rome Statute. It continues to represent “We the People” and to serve as the conscience of the international community in these matters. Well done CICC!

Yet as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the ICC may we remember this Luganda saying; “Gakyali Mabaga”, that is, “So little done and so much to do”; we are only at the beginning.

Congratulations.

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