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The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute, Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada, and Judges for Judges firmly condemn the imposition of further sanctions by the United States (US) targeting the International Criminal Court, including the latest designation of the ICC deputy-prosecutor and other judges.

We reiterate that the ICC is a cornerstone of international justice. These deplorable acts undermine the critical role that the Court plays to ensure accountability for the most serious crimes, and obstruct the course of justice, jeopardising victims' right to remedy and reparation.

We further condemn US sanctions imposed on the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in the Palestinian Occupied Territory, simply for carrying out her duties.

Chair, distinguished delegates,

The current US administration is trying to dismantle and abuse international norms and institutions on which survivors of grave abuses and violations rely. Attacks and threats against UN Special Procedures and International Justice Institutions, are unacceptable and must stop immediately.

We urge this Council and ICC States Parties to:

- 1) ensure full support to and cooperation with International Justice Institutions, including the ICC
- 2) condemn any attack against its Special Procedures
- 3) strongly resist the US attempt to block justice and international accountability for current world's worst crimes

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