

Benin Coalition for the ICC Applauds Arrest Warrant for Sudanese President

The ICC Pre-Trial Chamber issued an arrest warrant for Sudanese President Omar Al Bashir for crimes against humanity and war crimes following a careful analysis of the charges brought by ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo.

The Benin Coalition for the International Criminal Court (ICC) believes that the Sudanese government and the international community have the obligation, in accordance to international law, to fully cooperate with the ICC. The issuance of this arrest warrant means that things have changed, impunity will no longer tolerated and immunities attached to one's official capacity are irrelevant for crimes under international law.

Finally, the Benin Coalition for the ICC affirms clearly that the decision of international judges is a step in the right direction and nothing should be done to prevent them from delivering justice to ensure that peace and human rights protection prevail in the world.

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