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PRESS BRIEFING, 4 June 2009 at 11 a.m., U.N. Room 226:

Global Coalition for the ICC Urges Security Council to Support the Enforcement of the ICC Judges' Decision Calling for the Arrest of President Al-Bashir, Ahmed Harun and Ali Kushayb

WHAT: The Coalition for the ICC (CICC) will be hosting a media briefing in advance of the ninth address by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court Luis Moreno-Ocampo to the United Nations Security Council regarding his investigation in Darfur, Sudan.

The prosecutor's briefing is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, 5 June 2009. Afterward, the prosecutor is expected to field questions from the press at the UN Media Stakeout Point outside the Security Council Chamber.

This is the prosecutor's first briefing following the ICC judges' issuance of an arrest warrant for Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir, the president of Sudan, as well as the recent voluntary appearance before the Court of Bahr Ibriss Abu Garda in response to allegations of his involvement in the Haskinita attacks.

To follow the Coalition's briefing via live UN Webcast, visit www.un.org/webcast

WHEN: Thursday, 4 June 2009, 11a.m. to 12 noon

WHERE: Room 226, United Nations Secretariat building

WHO: Panel participants will include:

>> Omer Ismail: Native of El-Fashir, Sudan; Adviser, ENOUGH Project and Vice President of Advocacy, Darfur Peace and Development

>> Richard Dicker, Director, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch

CICC Program Director Tanya Karanasios will moderate the discussion

WHY: There have been strong public indications that, following the International Criminal Court's 4 March 2009 arrest warrant for President Al-Bashir, the Sudanese government has grown increasingly more uncooperative with the Court and has reportedly retaliated against innocent civilians. Anything less than full cooperation with the ICC threatens to undermine the authority of the Security Council, which referred the situation in Darfur to the Court through UNSC Resolution 1593 in March 2005.

Accordingly, the CICC calls on all ICC member states, the government of Sudan, and other relevant parties to fulfill their obligations under the UN Charter and the Rome Statute and thereby cooperate with the Court to ensure that President Al-Bashir, Ahmad Harun and Ali Kushayb are brought before the Hague-based ICC to face justice.

The prosecutor's ninth report is expected to urge the Security Council to push states to cooperate with the Court and define a framework by which UNSC 1593 can be implemented without further delay. The report is also expected to urge states to sever all non-essential contact with ICC suspects.

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