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GLOBAL COALITION ADVISORY BOARD MEETS IN NEW YORK
*High-Level Advisory Group Discusses Key International Justice Issues;
Reaffirms Commitment to the Fight Against Impunity*

New York, 26 September 2011 — The Advisory Board of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court— a civil society network of more than 2,500 NGOs in 150 countries advocating for a fair, effective and independent International Criminal Court (ICC) and improved access to justice for victims of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity – held its fall meeting today in New York (USA) to discuss issues central to the global justice movement. At the meeting, the board reaffirmed its commitment to the fight against impunity and discussed the challenges that the ICC and international justice community is currently facing.

“The establishment of the ICC was a watershed moment in the history of international justice, and the unprecedented partnership of civil society organizations, like-minded governments, leaders and others was crucial to the creation of the Court” said William R. Pace, convenor of the Coalition and Advisory Board member. “The ICC has become a major actor in global conflict management sooner than anyone expected. With very important ICC elections approaching and an increasing number of situations in which the Court is involved, this global partnership will be more significant than ever,” he stated.

Chaired by The Honorable Kofi Annan and composed of several high-level personalities, the Advisory Board welcomed two new members in 2011: Dr. Jonathan Fanton and Ms. Pam Omidyar. Dr. Fanton is the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Visiting Fellow at the

Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College and the former president of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Ms. Omidyar is the founder and chair of Humanity United and the co-founder of the Omidyar Network.

The Coalition's Advisory Board held a one-day meeting to tackle key topics related to international justice, including the ICC leadership change which will take place in December 2011 with the election of six new judges and a new chief prosecutor, as well as discussing how the Board could help address other pressing challenges for the ICC and the Rome Statute System.

At the meeting, Board members reaffirmed their commitment to the cause of international justice and noted the need for support from civil society, governments and intergovernmental entities, and other institutions. "The members of the Advisory Board recognize the importance of the ICC at this very pivotal time and are committed to supporting the global civil society movement to advance international justice and the ICC. We urge leaders and people around the world to join in this partnership and help secure the end of impunity," Board members stated.

Background: The Coalition's Advisory Board, composed of several high-level personalities from different backgrounds of international service, serves as a global leadership group in support of the cause of international justice and provides strategic guidance to the Coalition on key issues. Advisory Board members include: The Honorable Kofi Annan (Chair), Former Secretary-General of the United Nations and Nobel Laureate; His Excellency Bruno Stagno Ugarte (Vice Chair), Executive Director, Security Council Report and Former Minister of Foreign Relations of Costa Rica; His Royal Highness Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein, Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations; The Honorable Louise Arbour, President & CEO, International Crisis Group and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; The Honorable Lloyd Axworthy, President, University of Winnipeg and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada; Dr. Jonathan Fanton, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Visiting Fellow, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College and former President, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation; The Honorable Justice Richard Goldstone, Former Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia; Ms. Hina Jilani, Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan and former UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders; Mr. Juan E. Méndez, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Special Adviser on Crime Prevention at the ICC Office of the Prosecutor; Ms. Pam Omidyar, Founder and Chair, Humanity United; Mr. William R. Pace, Convenor, Coalition for the International Criminal Court; Dr. Sigrid Rausing, Publisher, Granta and Founder & Chair, The Sigrid Rausing Trust; Ms. Darian Swig, President, Article 3 Advisors; The Honorable Patricia Wald, Former Chief Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and Judge for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

The ICC is the world's first permanent international court to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. 118 states have joined the Rome Statute, the Court's founding treaty. Central to the Court's mandate is the principle of complementarity, which holds that the Court will only intervene if national legal systems are unwilling or unable to investigate and prosecute perpetrators of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. There are currently six active investigations before the Court: the Central African Republic; the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Darfur, the Sudan; Uganda, Kenya and Libya. The ICC has publicly issued 18 arrest warrants and nine summonses to appear. Three trials are ongoing. The ICC prosecutor recently requested authorization from judges to open an investigation in Côte d'Ivoire. His office has also made public that it is examining eight other situations on four

continents, including Afghanistan, Colombia, Georgia, Guinea, Honduras, Republic of Korea, Nigeria and Palestine.

The Coalition for the International Criminal Court is a global network of civil society organizations in 150 countries working in partnership to strengthen international cooperation with the ICC; ensure that the Court is fair, effective and independent; make justice both visible and universal; and advance stronger national laws that deliver justice to victims of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. For more information, visit: www.coalitionfortheicc.org

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