

Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

The Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) notes with hope your mission to Burma and that Deputy Secretary General, Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro, will represent you at the African Union Summit in Sirte, Libya this week.

We have been told that Sudanese President Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir has requested a meeting with the Deputy Secretary-General formally or in the margins of the Summit. As you know, on 4 March 2009, the International Criminal Court (ICC) in accordance with UNSC Res 1593 issued an arrest warrant for President Al-Bashir for war crimes and crimes against humanity. President

As the Secretary General of the United Nations, you have played a very important role in supporting international justice and accountability for the most serious crimes, including your support for the Rome Statute and the International Criminal Court. The ICC judges have demonstrated clearly their independence and adherence to the Rome Statute. Mr. Bashir will be considered innocent until proven guilty, and afforded all legal protections and a fair trial for the crimes he is accused of committing.

However, President Al-Bashir has consistently and persistently challenged the ICC, the relevant UNSC resolutions, and refused to cooperate. Instead, he and his government visit non-State Party governments and attend meetings to misrepresent, to undermine and to defy international law and justice.

Mr. Secretary-General, the Coalition strongly opposes you or the Deputy Secretary-General meeting with Mr. Al-Bashir while he and his government refuse to cooperate.

The Coalition sees this as an effort by President Al-Bashir to instrumentalize the United Nations and the Office of the Secretary General. We cannot stress enough how

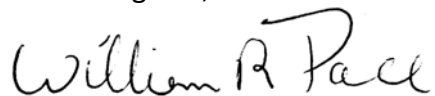
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important it is for you not to send the government of Sudan a message they could then use to promote impunity for the crimes committed in Darfur.

In their 4 March decision, the judges of the Pre-Trial Chamber found that according to UNSC Resolution 1593 and Articles 25 and 103 of the UN Charter, the Government of Sudan has an obligation to fully cooperate with the Court which prevails over any other international obligation. While the issues surrounding Sudan are complex, international obligations to arrest and surrender suspects of grave international crimes must be respected and implemented. We hope you continue to deliver a message in support of the millions of voiceless victims of grave crimes in Sudan who count upon highly placed international officials like you to support them in their struggle for justice.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William R. Pace". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Mr. William R. Pace

Convenor

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Cc: Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General