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Commemorating World Day of International Criminal Justice ACIJLP Calls upon Arab governments to Ratify And Join the International Criminal Court

The first day of July of each year, the world witnesses the anniversary of a historic event, which has a great impact towards the protection of human rights, the establishment of international criminal justice, and close a loophole in the rules of international law which lacked for a long time a permanent international punitive mechanism to consider the most heinous crimes committed against humanity , crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression, until the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court entered into force on the first of July 2002 after reaching 75 ratifications thereon. Since that date, the world celebrates around the World Day of international Criminal Justice.

In spite of the passage of 8 years of establishing the International Criminal Court and despite the fact that the foundation of this court represents a victory for the will of the international community and its institutions as well as a reflection of the development of a sense of responsibility and justice values recognized at the international level, the Arab governments - with the exception of Jordan, Djibouti and Comoros - are reluctant to ratify and join the International Criminal Court, while the Arab region is one of the most needy regions of the world to a permanent and independent international criminal court

ACIJLP as coordinator of the Arab coalition to join the International Criminal Court, would like to take this opportunity and call upon the Arab governments to take effective action to join the permanent International Criminal Court. It also appeals to the Arab League to play a role in urging its members to accede to the Statute of the International Criminal Court I(CC).

ACIJLP is also extending its call to the Arab NGOs (coalition members) to place this issue top in their agendas, and to intensify and coordinate efforts on raising public awareness of the need for this Court as an international mechanism to protect human rights and consolidate international criminal justice.