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SAIF AL-ISLAM GADDAFI MUST BE SENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

(WASHINGTON, D.C., August 22, 2011) –As the National Transitional Council (NTC) moves to take control of Tripoli, Citizens for Global Solutions calls on the Council to hand over Mummar Gaddafi’s son, Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi, to the International Criminal Court at the Hague for prosecution for his participation in crimes against humanity.

Yesterday, ICC Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo confirmed that the NTC had captured Saif Gaddafi and placed him under house arrest. Ocampo spoke today with NTC representatives about transferring Saif Gaddafi into ICC custody and said that further talks would take place on how the process will move forward.

“When Prosecutor Ocampo issued the arrest warrants for Muammar Gaddafi, his son Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi, and intelligence chief Abdullah Al-Senussi, the National Transitional Council welcomed the charges and promised to fully cooperate with the ICC should they be captured. With Gaddafi’s son under house arrest and no judicial system in place to hold a fair trial, we urge the Council to follow through and turn him over to the ICC, securing justice and accountability for victims in Libya,” said Don Kraus, Chief Executive Officer of Citizens for Global Solutions and Co-Chair of the Washington Working Group on the International Criminal Court (WICC).

United Nations Security Council Resolution 1970 requires Libya to cooperate with the Court. Should Mummar Gaddafi attempt to find safe haven in another country, it mandates all ICC member states around the world to hand him over to the Court should he step foot on their soil. It also urges states not party to the ICC to assist in the capture of accused war criminals.

While Libya begins this fragile transition, civilians are still in need of protection. Citizens for Global Solutions calls upon the NTC to demand that the people refrain from retaliatory attacks against Gaddafi supporters. Kraus said, “The National Transitional Council should invite United Nations peacekeepers to monitor the transfer of power, keeping the peace between the two factions, and creating stability for a new government to be formed. We urge the National Transitional Council to accept assistance from the international community. International cooperation is essential to resolve global challenges, building a safer, more secure world.”

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The Washington Working Group on the International Criminal Court (WICC) is a coordinating group of the Washington legislative and governmental affairs offices of American non-governmental organizations committed to the cause of the International Criminal Court (ICC). The WICC supports, coordinates, and provides materials and information for education and advocacy about the Court. Citizens for Global Solutions co-convenes the WICC.

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