

NEW YORK ACTION ALERT

Please ask Senator Gillibrand to attend the 2010 Retreat on the International Criminal Court (ICC)

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SUGGESTED TEXT OR TALKING POINTS:

Dear Senator,

I am writing to ask you to attend a special conference on the United States and the International Criminal Court (ICC), to be held in Chicago, Illinois on April 8th and 9th, 2010. The ICC is an issue that is important to me and my community. Moreover, Congress now has before it several bills on crimes and issues within the jurisdiction of the ICC which are of direct concern to you as a member of the US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Accordingly, we ask that you or a senior member of your office participate in this ICC retreat.

As the US government currently creates its policy towards the ICC, the time is ripe for Congress also to address the changing relationship between the US and the ICC. This retreat will bring together some of the nation's foremost legal, academic and military experts on the ICC to interact with members of the Committee on Foreign Relations in an intimate setting. The event will address US foreign policy concerns about the Court, including. To allow frank discussions, the event will not be open to the general public or press.

The national meeting is being held at the Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood, about 2 miles north of The Loop. The conference will begin on the evening of Thursday, April 8th and conclude on the afternoon of Friday, April 9th. Aside from travel, there is no cost for staff to stay at the retreat center. On Thursday evening, you will be invited to a complimentary performance of the Chicago Symphony.

We know that you may be too busy to participate yourself, and in that case we are hoping that your staff member of appropriate rank and responsibilities will be present to represent your views on the ICC and represent our state on this important issue.

Thank you for considering our invitation. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

CONFERENCE DETAILS

http://www.alma.edu/academics/departments/social_sciences/public_affairs/icc

Thursday, April 8th- Friday, April 9th

Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center
513 Fullerton Parkway
Chicago's Lincoln Park
www.cenaclechicago.org

The goal of the retreat is to facilitate a dialogue on U.S. participation in the Review Conference and for a policy that will promote a return to U.S. leadership in international justice.

(Invitation only/ Closed to the press and public)

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2010 International Criminal Court Retreat Agenda

Thursday, April 8

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| 5-6 p.m. | Welcome Dinner |
| 6:30-7 p.m. | Senate Staff Panel Round Table: Evolution of U.S. Policy |
| 7:20 p.m. | Chicago Symphony |

Friday, April 9

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| 8-8:40 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 8:45-9:15 a.m. | U.S. National Interest, U.S. Concerns and the ICC |
| 9:15-9:45 a.m. | U.S. Public Opinion and Policy Change: The Hall of Mirrors Study |

- 9:45-10:15 a.m. The ICC and Current Cases: Sudan, Uganda, & Congo
- 10:15-10:40 a.m. Break
- 10:40-11:15 a.m. The ICC and the U.S. Military
- 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. The ICC and Israel
- 12-12:45 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45-1:15 p.m. Keynote Address: M. Cherif Bassiouni
- 1:15-2 p.m. Senate Staff Panel Assessment of the ICC Policy Process
- 2-2:30 p.m. Reception for Senate Staff
- 2:30-4 p.m. Guests Develop Plans for Moving Forward