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**The United States administration's campaign against the International Criminal Court**

It is astonishing that the United States of America with such a history of promoting human rights, international peace and international order should now be in a determined campaign against an International Criminal Court, which has been adopted by most of the nations of the world, which adhere to principles of democracy and human rights.

Economic and military blackmail must not prevail against progress towards a universal system of justice.

The peoples of the world must resist this utterly negative campaign, contrary to the founding principles of the American nation, contrary to the principles of the United Nations, formed after the Second World War, the most bizarre and destructive in the history of mankind which threatened to snuff out liberty, democracy and equality, defended at the cost of millions of lives.

Americans joined with others in bringing to justice the perpetrators of Belsen, Auschwitz, Dachau and Mauthausen.

The International Criminal Court is designed to deter or bring to justice perpetrators of such outrage in the future.

It is an institution which we must defend against all attacks in order to ensure the future of our children and of all mankind.

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