

United Nations Association-USA 2003 Biennial National Convention
Substantive Issues Resolution #5
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INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

The 2003 UNA-USA National Convention,

Recalling resolution R.3 of the 1999 National Convention which recommended that the Association undertake, in collaboration with other American non-governmental organizations, a nationwide program of education and advocacy about the International Criminal Court,

Recalling further resolution S.5 of the 2001 National Convention on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court,

Acclaiming the beginning of full operations by the Court following the recent election of its eighteen highly-qualified and expert judges and of its distinguished and experienced prosecutor,

Recognizing the deep concern of the United States government that the Court may for political reasons be misused to harass and mistreat Americans, especially service members and civilian officials,

Mindful of the extensive safeguards deliberately included in the Court's Rome Statute to satisfy these concerns,

Concerned by the intense efforts of the United States to pursue exemption for Americans from the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court through bilateral immunity agreements and Security Council resolutions 1422 and 1487,

Aware that the European Union has condemned the bilateral immunity agreements and that the U.N. Secretary-General has formally stated that resolutions 1422 and 1487 are unnecessary and questioned their conformity with Article 16 of the Rome Statute,

Therefore,

Commends the leadership of the UNA-USA for the progress and achievements of its program, the American Non-Governmental Coalition for the International Criminal Court (AMICC),

Requests UNA's chapters and divisions to support, and participate in the education and advocacy about the Court by AMICC's local alliances in their areas,

Asserts that the work of AMICC and the UNA's other programs on the International Criminal Court should remain a high and active priority for the Association,

Demands that the government of the United States end its campaign for exemptions,

Calls on the government to resume its participation as an observer in the Court's Assembly of States Parties,

Urges the United States to cooperate closely with and support the Court in the investigations and trials.