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Resolution of the Governing Board Concerning the International Criminal Court Adopted at Brussels, June 29, 2002

The Union Internationale des Avocats, the world's oldest international association of bars, bar associations, and law societies;

Acting through its Governing Board, at Brussels assembled for the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of its founding;

Recalling the Resolution of its Executive Committee regarding the Permanent International Criminal Court adopted at Paris, France on November 18, 1995;

Strongly committed to the rule of law and the protection of human rights;

Deeply aware of the suffering caused by crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide and aggression;

Supportive of the new International Criminal Court established to prosecute these crimes when States are unable or unwilling to prosecute them;

Hopeful that the International Criminal Court may above all deter the commission of these crimes;

Condemns any efforts to undermine the full scope and effectiveness of the International Criminal Court under the Rome Statute;

Condemns likewise any efforts which threaten the sovereignty of States to exercise their criminal jurisdiction with regard to these crimes, in accordance with their laws and international human rights norms; and

Urges States to firmly withstand any such efforts.
