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**United States Statement  
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Intervention of the United States  
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Thank you, Madame Chair.

My name is Reed Rubinstein. I am the U.S. Department of State Legal Adviser. It is my high honor and privilege to address you as the representative of the citizens of the United States, our President, Donald J. Trump, and our Secretary of State, Marco Rubio.

On February 6, our President issued Executive Order 14203 imposing sanctions on the International Criminal Court and certain of its supporters. The order finds that the ICC:

- Has engaged in illegitimate and baseless actions targeting America and our close ally, Israel; that it has
- Wrongfully abused its power by issuing baseless arrest warrants; and
- That its malign conduct threatens to infringe US sovereignty and undermines our critical national security and foreign policy work.

Our deep concerns regarding the Kampala amendments are long-standing and well known. These amendments remain divisive even among States Parties.

The United States has even graver concerns regarding the proposed expansion of the Court's jurisdiction over the crime of "aggression."

Expanding the ICC's purported "jurisdiction" directly disregards America's repeated objections to the Rome Statute system dating to the 1990s.

The United States is not a party to the Rome Statute, and we expect our sovereign decision to reject the idea that the ICC has jurisdiction will be respected. Likewise, we expect that similar decisions by our allies, including Israel, will also be respected.

We are told that, absent amendment to the Rome Statute, our concerns cannot be addressed.

And yet, this body is considering amending the Rome Statute, not to reign in the ICC, but to further expand its purported jurisdiction.

Executive Order 14203 is clear: The United States opposes any ICC actions against us or our allies that have not consented to ICC jurisdiction. Accordingly, we will use all appropriate and effective diplomatic, political, and legal instruments to block the ICC's overreaching abuse of power. Our additional sanctions of June 5 should underscore our resolve.

We expect all ICC actions against the United States and Israel to be terminated, all investigations to be terminated, and all arrest warrants terminated. If not, all options remain on the table.

Thank you.