



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

William Jefferson Hague  
Foreign & Commonwealth Office,  
King Charles Street,  
London SW1A 2AH  
United Kingdom

Brussels, 30.11.2011

Dear Minister,

It's with great concern that we learned about a so called Zero Nominal Growth Approach for the future budget of the International Criminal Court. We regard the ICC as the first permanent international judicial body capable of trying individuals for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, thus making a decisive contribution to the upholding of human rights and to international law by combating impunity, playing a crucial deterrent role and sending a clear signal that impunity for these crimes will not be tolerated

Last week the European Parliament adopted by a large majority a report on its current challenges ICC is facing. In this EP report we call on the UN Security Council members and the UN General Assembly members to find appropriate ways and means for the UN to provide the Court with financial resources to cover the costs related to the opening of investigations and prosecutions into situations referred by the UN Security Council in accordance with Article 115 of the Rome Statute. We also welcomed the EU's and individual Member States' financial and logistical support for the ICC thus far and recommend that current forms of support continue.

We know that your country is currently under pressure due to the financial crisis. Nevertheless we kindly ask you to refrain from the Zero Growth Nominal Approach in order to ensure that the ICC can fulfil the tasks that were referred to it. In 2012 we will celebrate



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

the 10th anniversary of the Rome Statute. The ICC has to date dealt with more than 9.600 victims who sought trials and more than 6.000 victims who applied for reparation. It would be the wrong signal to cut ICC's budget in this crucial moment of history. Particularly the case of Libya case is the driving factor for the ICC's budget, a case that was referred to the ICC by the UN Security Council. Therefore it is vital to provide the ICC with the necessary resources. Failing the ICC is not an option.

Please find attached the report on the ICC that was adopted on Nov 17.

Kind regards,

The Friends of the ICC

Barbara Lochbihler, MEP (Germany)

Frieda Brepoels, MEP (Belgium)

Richard Howitt, MEP (United Kingdom)

Wolfgang Kreissl-Dörfler, MEP (Germany)

Marietje Schaake, MEP (The Netherlands)



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Ana Maria Gomes, MEP (Portugal)

Nicole Kiil-Nielsen, MEP (France)