***United States’ Statements Supporting the International Criminal Court***

“The international community's willingness and ability to prevent and, where necessary, respond effectively to atrocities is of fundamental importance to us all. The opportunity remains for the international criminal court to achieve its full potential.”

-David Scheffer, Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues, October 21, 1998

**“**I believe that a properly constituted and structured International Criminal Court would make a profound contribution in deterring egregious human rights abuses worldwide…”

-President Bill Clinton, December 31, 2000

### “… over the past couple of years we have worked hard to demonstrate that we share the main goals and values of the [International Criminal] Court. […] These steps reflect our desire to find practical ways to work with ICC supporters to advance our shared goals of promoting international criminal justice…”

-John B. Bellinger III, US Department of State Legal Adviser, June 6, 2007

### **“**The United States fully supports those efforts and calls upon all members states to uphold their obligations, consistent with their obligations, with respect to the ICC. And we look to the ICC to continue its efforts to promote justice and accountability.”

-Susan E. Rice, US Permanent Representative, July 27, 2010

**“**You have seen this administration be both quite vocal in its support for bringing persons accused of atrocities by the ICC to justice, and be critical of those who try to thwart that justice. This public diplomacy will continue.”

-US Department of State Legal Adviser Harold Hongju Koh, October 27, 2010

**“**…we recognize that the ICC can be an important tool for accountability.”

-Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, October 17, 2012

### **“**The United States has continued to enhance its efforts […] through robust engagement with the ICC and support for each of the situations in which investigations or prosecutions are underway. […] We have continually emphasized that it is essential—for justice and for peace—that the fugitives at large in the ICC’s current cases be apprehended.”

-Stephen J. Rapp, Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues, November 21, 2013

### **“**We will work with the international community to prevent and call to account those responsible for the worst human rights abuses, including through support to the International Criminal Court, consistent with U.S. law and our commitment to protecting our personnel.”

-2015 National Security Strategy, February 2015

### “The ICC […] continues to play an important role in the broader array of efforts to promote justice …”

-Todd Buchwald, US Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues, November 17, 2016