The International Criminal Court (ICC) is the first major international institution of the 21st Century and a worldwide response to atrocities.

What is the ICC?
The ICC is a permanent and independent criminal court created by countries to prosecute those individuals who commit the gravest of international crimes: genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and – in the future – aggression.

Why was the ICC formed?
The Court was built upon the legacy of the prosecution of the Nazis at Nuremberg, and the trials for the atrocities committed in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. Its goal is to end to impunity and fulfill the world’s commitment of “never again.”

Who created the ICC?
The founding treaty of the ICC, the Rome Statute, was adopted in 1998 by 120 nations. Since then 121 countries have ratified to become States Parties to the ICC. States Parties oversee the Court and ensure that it fulfills its mission.

The US and the ICC
The ICC enjoys the cooperation of the US for its investigations and prosecutions. The US participates in ICC meetings as an observer. The US President’s National Security Strategy emphasizes the importance of supporting the ICC.

“The old era of impunity is over…in its place we are witnessing the birth of a new Age of Accountability.”
UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

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AT A GLANCE

Location
THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS

Established
2002

Founding Treaty
ROME STATUTE OF THE ICC

States Parties
122 (as of May 1, 2013)

Governing Body
ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Current Investigations
UGANDA (2003) Requested by Ugandan Government
DARFUR, SUDAN (2005) Requested by UN Security Council
KENYA (2010) Requested by the ICC Prosecutor
LIBYA (2011) Requested by UN Security Council
CÔTE D’IVOIRE (2011) Requested by the ICC Prosecutor
MALI (2013) Requested by Malian Government

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“…the most serious crimes must not go unpunished…”
PREAMBLE TO THE ROME STATUTE