

# HUMANISTS SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT



*Ethical Human Behavior Requires Respect for,  
and Adherence to, International Law that brings  
to Trial and to Justice those Individuals Accused  
of Committing Crimes Against Humanity*

Along with other members of the NGO Community engaged in promoting the proper establishment of the International Criminal Court, Humanists express the following concerns at this crucial time of implementing the Rome Statute:



- **The 18 Judges elected by the Assembly of States Parties from among the 43 official candidates must equitably represent the five UN regional geographical groupings of nations.**
- **For gender equity at least nine of those Judges must be women. Especially helpful to the Court will be experience and legal expertise in matters pertaining to violence against women or children.**
- **Those chosen as Judges will have experience in either criminal law or international law as specified by the Rome Statute.**
- **Considering the momentous long range importance of decisions made at this time, we expect that each of the 85 voting nations will be courageous and be truly free to vote in the best interest of a most effective Criminal Court.**
- **The vote swapping and economic coercion presently taking place at the UN cannot be in the best interest of an independent court. It will have the potential of affecting Court decisions, pressuring Judges by threatening to withhold aid to their countries. This undermining of the ICC is unethical.**
- **The USA, whose present administration is fearful of the International Criminal Court jurisdiction, is busily engaged in an anti-ICC campaign. It has already obtained bilateral non-surrender agreements with 18 nations, assuring USA immunity, thereby defeating the purpose of the Rome Statute and thwarting the rule of law worldwide.**

These are just a few of the concerns of those interested in the establishment of a strong International Criminal Court. We wish every success to the assembled States Parties in their important work.

More information can be found on the following Web sites:

<http://www.corliss-lamont.org/hsmny/icc.htm>

<http://www.cebo.org/>

<http://www.un.org/law/icc/>

<http://www.iccnw.org/>