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On the occasion of the World Day for International Justice, **the Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession (ACIJLP) and the Arab Coalition for the International Criminal Court (ACICC)** express their deep concern and strong condemnation of the continued attacks by the United States administration against the International Criminal Court (ICC).

At a time when the international community marks the World Day for International Justice on 17 July, the ICC is facing one of the most systematic campaigns directed against it by the United States. In an opinion article published on 13 July — four days before the commemoration of the World Day for International Justice — US Secretary of State Marco Rubio set out the Trump administration's position, declaring the Government's determination to "dismantle the International Criminal Court — brick by brick if necessary" and affirming its intention to employ all tools available to the United States Government to that end.

According to a statement issued by the US Department of State, the administration is preparing to launch a comprehensive campaign to eliminate the ICC's "intolerable threat to US sovereignty". The statement added that "The campaign will feature a whole-of-government response to systematically disable the ICC's ability to operate, target American servicemen or officials, or otherwise threaten American sovereignty."

The Arab Coalition for the International Criminal Court considers these threats to be part of a longstanding policy that has persisted since the Court entered into force on 17 July 2002. Previous US administrations conducted campaigns aimed at discouraging states from ratifying the Rome Statute and concluded bilateral agreements with a number of countries to prevent cooperation with the Court and impede its work from 2005 onwards. More than six Arab states signed such agreements, some of which remain in force to this day.

The ACIJLP and the Arab Coalition urge all Arab governments not to cooperate with the United States administration in its campaign against the ICC and to revoke all bilateral agreements concluded since 2005 that require non-cooperation with, or obstruct the work of, the Court.

The ACIJLP and the Arab Coalition further call on Arab governments to accede to the ICC and ratify the Rome Statute establishing it, particularly in light of the Court's demonstrated role in prosecuting perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in the region. They also call on the League of Arab States to convene a ministerial-level meeting to examine the threats facing the ICC, adopt a common position, and work towards bringing such attacks to an end. Finally, the Coalition urges Arab civil society organizations to coordinate their efforts in confronting these threats.

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