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STATEMENT CONDEMNING US SANCTIONS AGAINST ICC JUDGES

The Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ) unequivocally condemns the successive rounds of individual sanctions imposed by the United States against judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the recent sanctions on the ICC as an institution.

Among the judges targeted are European judges Nicolas Guillou (France), Beti Hohler (Slovenia) and Gocha Lordkipanidze (Georgia).

Imposing coercive measures on judges in response to the exercise of their judicial functions is fundamentally incompatible with judicial independence and the rule of law. Judges must be able to perform their duties free from political pressure, intimidation or retaliation.

Given the gravity of these unprecedented measures, AEAJ considers this matter to be a concern for the entire European judiciary and joins its voice to that of other European judicial organisations. It stands in solidarity with the sanctioned ICC judges, including European colleagues.

AEAJ calls upon the United States to immediately lift the sanctions imposed on ICC judges and the institution. It also urges the EU to deploy all available means, including the activation of the Blocking Statute, as well as European governments to coordinate their efforts and take effective measures against these sanctions.

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