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Excellency,

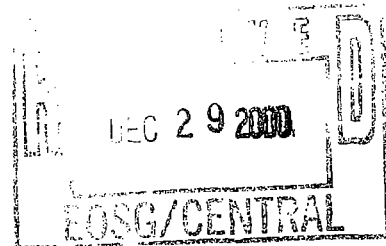
The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency, Mr. William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States of America.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


S. Iqbal Riza
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Richard Holbrooke
Permanent Representative of
the United States of America
to the United Nations
New York



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

29 December 2000

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you on a matter that we have discussed before: the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Since I know that you are presently considering whether the United States of America should sign the Statute, open for signature for only two more days until 31 December 2000, I thought that it might be helpful to inform you that as of today, 132 States have signed the Statute (list attached). The number of ratifications now stands at 27. Six additional States have indicated that they will sign the Statute before this opportunity is lost.

Mr. President, I am appealing to you to add the signature of the United States of America to the Rome Statute. The International Criminal Court is not a threat to States with an organized criminal justice system. It is designed to protect those most vulnerable in situations where their own government, if there is one, is unable or unwilling to prosecute those who violate their most fundamental humanitarian rights. It is designed to help to end the impunity that has caused so much suffering and sorrow among human beings all over the world.

There is still time, and I have made certain that the document is accessible for signature until midnight on 31 December.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Annan', written in a cursive style.

Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency
Mr. William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

10. ROME STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Rome, 17 July 1998

NOT YET IN FORCE:
STATUS:
TEXT:

[see article 126].

Signatories: 132. Parties: 26.

Doc. A/CONF.183/9 of 17 July 1998; depositary notifications C.N.577.1998.TREATIES-8 of 10 November 1998¹ and CN.604.1999.TREATIES-18 of 12 July 1999 [procès-verbaux of rectification of the original of the Statute (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish authentic texts)]; C.N.1075.1999.TREATIES-28 of 30 November 1999 [procès-verbal of rectification of the original text of the Statute (French and Spanish authentic texts)]; C.N.266.2000.TREATIES-8 of 8 May 2000 [procès-verbal of rectification of the original text of the Statute (French and Spanish authentic texts)]; C.N.513.2000.TREATIES-9 of 19 July 2000 [procès-verbal of rectification of the original text of the Statute (Russian authentic text)]; and C.N.561.2000.TREATIES-17 of 15 November 2000 [proposal of corrections to the original text of the Statute (authentic French, Russian and Spanish texts)].

Note: The Statute was adopted on 17 July 1998 by the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court. In accordance with its article 125, the Statute was opened for signature by all States in Rome at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on 17 July 1998. Thereafter, it was opened for signature in Rome at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy until 17 October 1998. After that date, the Statute was opened for signature in New York, at United Nations Headquarters, where it will be until 31 December 2000.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Accession (a)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Accession (a)</i>
Albania	18 Jul 1998		Czech Republic	13 Apr 1999	
Algeria	28 Dec 2000		Democratic Republic of the Congo	8 Sep 2000	
Andorra	18 Jul 1998		Denmark	25 Sep 1998	
Angola	7 Oct 1998		Djibouti	7 Oct 1998	
Antigua and Barbuda	23 Oct 1998		Dominican Republic	8 Sep 2000	
Argentina	8 Jan 1999		Ecuador	7 Oct 1998	
Armenia	1 Oct 1999		Egypt	26 Dec 2000	
Australia	9 Dec 1998		Eritrea	7 Oct 1998	
Austria	7 Oct 1998	28 Dec 2000	Estonia	27 Dec 1999	
Bahrain	11 Dec 2000		Fiji	29 Nov 1999	29 Nov 1999
Bangladesh	16 Sep 1999		Finland	7 Oct 1998	
Barbados	8 Sep 2000		France	18 Jul 1998	9 Jun 2000
Belgium	10 Sep 1998	28 Jun 2000	Gabon	22 Dec 1998	20 Sep 2000
Belize	5 Apr 2000	5 Apr 2000	Gambia	4 Dec 1998	
Benin	24 Sep 1999		Georgia	18 Jul 1998	
Bolivia	17 Jul 1998		Germany	10 Dec 1998	11 Dec 2000
Bosnia and Herzegovi- na	17 Jul 2000		Ghana	18 Jul 1998	20 Dec 1999
Botswana	8 Sep 2000	8 Sep 2000	Greece	18 Jul 1998	
Brazil	7 Feb 2000		Guinea	7 Sep 2000	
Bulgaria	11 Feb 1999		Guinea-Bissau	12 Sep 2000	
Burkina Faso	30 Nov 1998		Guyana	28 Dec 2000	
Burundi	13 Jan 1999		Haiti	26 Feb 1999	
Cambodia	23 Oct 2000		Honduras	7 Oct 1998	
Cameroon	17 Jul 1998		Hungary	15 Jan 1999	
Canada	18 Dec 1998	7 Jul 2000	Iceland	26 Aug 1998	25 May 2000
Cape Verde	28 Dec 2000		Ireland	7 Oct 1998	
Central African Repub- lic	7 Dec 1999		Italy	18 Jul 1998	26 Jul 1999
Chad	20 Oct 1999		Jamaica	8 Sep 2000	
Chile	11 Sep 1998		Jordan	7 Oct 1998	
Colombia	10 Dec 1998		Kenya	11 Aug 1999	
Comoros	22 Sep 2000		Kuwait	8 Sep 2000	
Congo	17 Jul 1998		Kyrgyzstan	8 Dec 1998	
Costa Rica	7 Oct 1998		Latvia	22 Apr 1999	
Côte d'Ivoire	30 Nov 1998		Lesotho	30 Nov 1998	6 Sep 2000
Croatia	12 Oct 1998		Liberia	17 Jul 1998	
Cyprus	15 Oct 1998		Liechtenstein	18 Jul 1998	
			Lithuania	10 Dec 1998	

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Luxembourg	13 Oct 1998	8 Sep 2000
Madagascar	18 Jul 1998	
Malawi	2 Mar 1999	16 Aug 2000
Mali	17 Jul 1998	
Malta	17 Jul 1998	7 Dec 2000
Marshall Islands	6 Sep 2000	
Mauritius	11 Nov 1998	
Mexico	7 Sep 2000	
Monaco	18 Jul 1998	
Morocco	8 Sep 2000	
Mozambique	28 Dec 2000	
Namibia	27 Oct 1998	
Nauru	13 Dec 2000	
Netherlands	18 Jul 1998	7 Sep 2000
New Zealand ²	7 Oct 1998	
Niger	17 Jul 1998	
Nigeria	1 Jun 2000	
Norway	28 Aug 1998	16 Feb 2000
Oman	20 Dec 2000	
Panama	18 Jul 1998	
Paraguay	7 Oct 1998	
Peru	7 Dec 2000	
Philippines	28 Dec 2000	
Poland	9 Apr 1999	
Portugal	7 Oct 1998	
Republic of Korea	8 Mar 2000	
Republic of Moldova	8 Sep 2000	
Romania	7 Jul 1999	
Russian Federation	13 Sep 2000	
Saint Lucia	27 Aug 1999	
Samoa	17 Jul 1998	
San Marino	18 Jul 1998	13 May 1999

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Sao Tome and Principe	28 Dec 2000	
Senegal	18 Jul 1998	2 Feb 1999
Seychelles	28 Dec 2000	
Sierra Leone	17 Oct 1998	15 Sep 2000
Slovakia	23 Dec 1998	
Slovenia	7 Oct 1998	
Solomon Islands	3 Dec 1998	
South Africa	17 Jul 1998	27 Nov 2000
Spain	18 Jul 1998	24 Oct 2000
Sudan	8 Sep 2000	
Sweden	7 Oct 1998	
Switzerland	18 Jul 1998	
Syrian Arab Republic	29 Nov 2000	
Tajikistan	30 Nov 1998	5 May 2000
Thailand	2 Oct 2000	
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	7 Oct 1998	
Trinidad and Tobago	23 Mar 1999	6 Apr 1999
Uganda	17 Mar 1999	
Ukraine	20 Jan 2000	
United Arab Emirates	27 Nov 2000	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	30 Nov 1998	
Uruguay	19 Dec 2000	
Venezuela	14 Oct 1998	7 Jun 2000
Yemen	28 Dec 2000	
Yugoslavia	19 Dec 2000	
Zambia	17 Jul 1998	
Zimbabwe	17 Jul 1998	