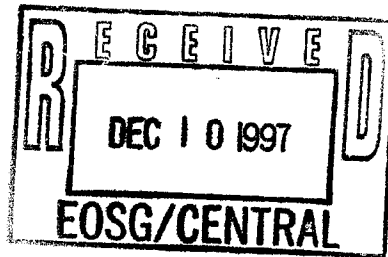




THE SECRETARY-GENERAL



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Dear Mr. President,

I am hereby transmitting to you an International Appeal for the establishment of the International Criminal Court in 1998, submitted to me on 1 December 1997 by Ms. Emma Bonino of the European Commission on behalf of No Peace Without Justice and the Transnational Radical Party, together with a letter showing the number of and listing the individual signatures by members of the European Parliament and of national parliaments and a chart showing the signatures by a number of other public personalities. Their signed appeals and the chart can be examined in the Office of Legal Affairs.

In their Appeal, the undersigned call on Members of the General Assembly to do everything in their power to ensure that persons pursued for war crimes in the former Yugoslavia and in Rwanda are arrested and brought to justice, to renew the mandate of the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court and to convene, in 1998 in Rome, a Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries charged with establishing at that occasion the International Criminal Court.

The International Appeal reflects the wish of parliamentarians and private individuals from around the world to see the establishment of an objective, effective and operational International Criminal Court. It would, therefore, be appropriate for this Appeal to be before the General Assembly when it considers the question of the establishment of an International Criminal Court.

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

Kofi A. Annan

H.E. Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko  
President  
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