



Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Sanctions the International Criminal Court

SANCTIONING THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT: Today, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to sanction the International Criminal Court (ICC) for targeting the United States and its allies, such as Israel.

- This Executive Order places financial and visa sanctions on those individuals and their family members who assist in ICC investigations of U.S. citizens or our allies.

ENSURING OUR NATION'S SOVEREIGNTY IS PROTECTED: President Donald J. Trump is committed to defending our national sovereignty and security interests.

- The United States is not party to the Rome Statute, has never accepted ICC jurisdiction over its personnel, and has consistently rejected ICC assertions of jurisdiction over United States personnel.
 - In the view of the United States, the Rome Statute grants the ICC and its Chief Prosecutor broad, unaccountable powers that pose a significant threat to United States sovereignty and our constitutional protections.
- The ICC was designed to be a court of last resort. Both the United States and Israel maintain robust judiciary systems and should never be subject to the jurisdiction of the ICC.

POLITICIZATION OF THE ICC: By issuing arrest warrants for Israeli officials and Hamas officials at the same time, the ICC created a shameful moral equivalency.

- The ICC consistently constrains liberal, democratic nations like Israel in exercising their rights to self-defense.
- At the same time, the ICC has failed to hold regimes like Iran accountable for their crimes against humanity.
- The ICC's biased attacks on the U.S. and Israel undermine its credibility as an impartial arbiter of international justice.
- The ICC's disproportionate focus on Israel, without investigating the actions of groups that openly call for Israel's destruction, reveals a clear double standard.
- The ICC provides little to no value for its cost – it has been around for more than 20 years with expenditures over \$2 billion, yet can claim less than 10 successful prosecutions.

STANDING TOUGH: President Trump has previously sanctioned the ICC and a select group of its officials.



- In 2020, President Trump authorized an asset freeze and family entry ban against ICC officials after the court opened illegitimate investigations into alleged U.S. actions in Afghanistan.
- President Trump declared in September 2018 that, “as far as America is concerned, the ICC has no jurisdiction, no legitimacy, and no authority.”
- The President will not support an organization that unfairly targets U.S. citizens and our allies.