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The International Justice Project Applauds the Surrender of al-Bashir, Looks Forward to Moving the Case Forward

The International Justice Project is excited by the news that Omar al-Bashir, the former President of Sudan, will be turned over to the International Criminal Court (ICC) to face trial for Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity. The IJP, along with its friends and allies have worked and yearned for this development more than (15) fifteen years as we, IJP's Raymond Brown and Wanda Akin, represent (4) four victims recognized by the ICC as participants in the case. These victims have had their lives at risk during this period, and their heroism may soon be vindicated. At the same time, we recognize that the entirety of the case now lies ahead of us, and our hardest work is just beginning. Justice will not be done until Mr. Bashir is present in The Hague and a fair trial is conducted and completed. Every effort of the International Justice Project in the coming weeks and Months will be dedicated to achieving that end, and continuing with these victims of the Darfur Genocide beyond any result in The Hague.

In 2009 and 2010, the ICC issued two separate arrest warrants for President Bashir for the crimes of Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity in Darfur. President Bashir stands accused of orchestrating systematic murder, rape, pillaging, looting, and ethnic extermination in war-torn Darfur. More than 300,000 Darfurians have lost their lives since 2003, and over three million have been displaced as a result of Bashir's actions.

If the reports are indeed accurate, the victims of these crimes and the International Community may finally see justice. However, justice entails more than simply bringing him to trial. We have a responsibility to ensure that the trial is fair and impartial, and that victims' voices are adequately included and considered in the Court's process.

The International Justice Project is an independent, nonpartisan 501(c)(3) the organization based in Newark, New Jersey, promoting human rights through the rule of law, and providing holistic support to victims of the world's most heinous crimes, genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. In a world where genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity are tragically becoming all-too-common, the International Justice Project exhorts all actors to stand with the victims of these horrific crimes, rather than the perpetrators.

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