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Dear President Kaukoranta,

We openly commend your important work – with the Vice Presidents and members of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) – to protect the International Criminal Court (ICC) when it faces challenges from internal problems and States that criticise it or refuse to cooperate with it.

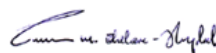
In such a climate, the moral character and authority of key persons representing the interests of the Court and the broader cause of ensuring justice for core international crimes are paramount. That is why we follow with keen attention your – and other key ASP-players’ – handling of the allegations of impropriety against Prosecutor Khan KC.

While we welcome your decision to pursue an external investigation to ensure an independent, impartial and fair process, we must not forget that during its short history, ICC officials have time and again been accused of moral failure. We remind you that a broadly-based research project on integrity in international courts and tribunals was undertaken over several years, culminating in the comprehensive anthology [Integrity in International Justice](#), with contributions by more than forty experts from around the world. According to the project’s premises, integrity is a “legally binding requirement for those who serve international courts as well as for the States Parties who elect their judges, prosecutors and other high officials. If diplomats of States Parties choose to abdicate this responsibility, they should not be surprised if morale at the court in question falls”. It is time for all concerned to take this seriously.

Yours faithfully,



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