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His Excellency Mr. Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, Dr.

As you already know by now, the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court has opened an investigation into atrocities that have occurred in Afghanistan. I would like it to be known that I am extremely proud of Her Excellency Fatou Bensouda, the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, for being brave enough to help ensure that atrocities are investigated and that the perpetrators of atrocities are brought to justice through the legal system, in a fair and in a competent tribunal. I am hoping that you and that officials with the government of Afghanistan will cooperate fully and faithfully with the International Criminal Court, their officials and with anything and with everything that they need in order for the International Criminal Court and their officials to be able to fully and to faithfully investigate atrocities and prosecute the perpetrators of the atrocities that have occurred in Afghanistan.¹

There is strong opposition by some against the International Criminal Court's investigation into atrocities that have occurred in Afghanistan. While there may be opposition to an investigation by the International Criminal Court, it should be known that the International Criminal Court's purpose is to make sure that serious and concerning atrocities are investigated and that thorough and legitimate investigations into atrocities are being conducted without political influence. A lot of times throughout the world, governments of countries will refuse to open investigations into atrocities that have been committed due to politics. Politics is something that the International Criminal Court stays away from. They just serve with a purpose as to helping ensure that atrocities do not occur and that if atrocities have been committed, that the perpetrators are brought to justice in a fair and in a competent tribunal.

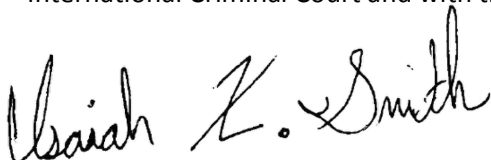
I would also like it to be personally known to you that I am extremely concerned about the situation in Afghanistan. I do not like hearing about a lot of people dying from armed conflicts that are occurring or that have occurred. I am also extremely concerned about the not completed "Ring Road Project." I am hoping that you and that officials with the government of Afghanistan will help ensure that the "Ring Road Project" is completed because I believe that is extremely necessary for the stability of Afghanistan and to help ensure that the power and the authority of extremist groups in Afghanistan will decrease.² I am hoping that you and that officials in your office will seek funding from countries that

¹ I have the same view whenever the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court opens an investigation into any situation, anywhere in our world, that is serious and that is concerning.

² While it is true that everyone believes that they are the good guys, it would be extremely improper for officials with a government of a country to just categorize a group as being terrorists without fully comprehending why individuals in that type of extremist group have their ideology. I believe that it is always important to listen to your

are a part of the international community, for the purpose as to helping ensure that the “Ring Road Project” is completed. While I am certainly not putting blame on any government of any country for the “Ring Road Project” not being completed in Afghanistan, I do believe that a lot of positive consequences are attached with the completion of the “Ring Road Project.” A positive consequence that would occur once the “Ring Road Project” is completed is that once isolated communities in Afghanistan will be connected with the rest of Afghanistan. Therefore, isolated communities in Afghanistan will no longer have to worry about seeking or solely receiving assistance from groups that are in an armed conflict with the government of Afghanistan.

So in conclusion, I am hoping that you and that your office will work to help ensure that the International Criminal Court is allowed to do their job and that officials with the government of Afghanistan will allow and will help assist officials with the International Criminal Court as they investigate the atrocities in Afghanistan. Even if some officials with the government of Afghanistan or with any other country³ opposes the International Criminal Court’s investigation into atrocities that have occurred in Afghanistan, for the purpose as to ensuring peace and helping ensure that the posterity of the people in Afghanistan are protected from harm, and that atrocities are prevented and do not reoccur, and that the perpetrators are brought to justice, in a fair, competent, and in a legitimate tribunal, I am hoping that the government of Afghanistan will cooperate faithfully and fully with the International Criminal Court and with their officials.



Respectfully,

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enemy. Possible settlements, agreeing to disagree on certain issues and misunderstandings being finally understood will be a possibility when a person listens to their enemy. I am not at all saying that agreeing with your enemy is necessary.

³ I would also like to add that while the media has reported that an official with a country is in extreme opposition of the International Criminal Court’s investigation into atrocities that have occurred in Afghanistan, so much so that threats were made to sanction the International Criminal Court and its officials for doing their job, I would like to say that any country or their officials that implements sanctions against the International Criminal Court or its officials, would be illegal and I believe that act would be considered to be a war crime and subject to prosecution, with no statute of limitations, to the best of my knowledge and understanding. See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/sep/10/john-bolton-castigate-icc-washington-speech>

⁴ www.isaiahxsmith.com