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Re: ABA Center for Human Rights Working Group on Crimes Against Humanity

Dear Ms. Nasser:

It is our pleasure to invite you to join the American Bar Association (ABA) Center for Human Rights Working Group on Crimes Against Humanity, which one of us, David Scheffer, is chairing. There remains a significant gap in federal law regarding the entire body of crimes against humanity, which can leave the United States open as a sanctuary for those who commit such crimes overseas. The United States also should play a very active role in the international focus on crimes against humanity.

The aims of the Working Group, which has been active since early 2015, are to examine and determine the best means for 1) advancing legislation in Washington to incorporate crimes against humanity into the Federal Criminal Code (Title 18), and 2) developing a U.S. position that reflects leadership on an international treaty on crimes against humanity, a matter currently before the U.N. International Law Commission (ILC). This initiative follows through on an August 2014 policy adopted by the ABA to urge the U.S. government to undertake these two endeavors. The Working Group is focusing on objective (1) at this time.

We have made substantial progress so far in meetings with Members of Congress and their staffs, representatives of non-governmental groups, the faith-based community, and others. We also have held Working Group meetings to examine key substantive issues and strategy. Your expertise and experience are two assets that we will draw upon as our discussions progress.

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Michael Greco, former ABA president and an *ex officio* member of the Working Group, also has been deeply involved in the concept and creation of the Working Group and participates in its work.

Thank you for considering this invitation. We look forward to your engagement on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Scheffer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Amb. David Scheffer, Chair
Working Group on Crimes Against Humanity
ABA Center for Human Rights