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International Criminal Court: Ahmed Haroun

Welcome delegates! My name is Ava Butterbaugh and I will be your vice chair in for this 2017 conference. This will be my second year involved in MUN, as well as my second year chairing. Outside of MUN, I enjoy going to the beach, hanging out with my friends, and playing guitar. I am also on the girls' volleyball and girls' varsity track team. I cannot wait to meet all of you in committee, and I hope this conference is an exciting and insightful experience!

For this committee, you will be writing Preliminary Opinions. Please make sure that your conclusion on this topic is not biased and is only based on your own research on the topic. Each preliminary opinion should include a background of the case, the defendant's position, the plaintiff's position, your preliminary ruling, and any other questions that you might possibly have for the witness. In addition, please make sure that your preliminary ruling takes into consideration international law and treaties that pertain to this case. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email myhsmunicc@gmail.com

I. Background

Note: This is a REAL case of the ICC. When writing resolutions, you may consider the rulings of the actual case, but be sure to present your own ideas. Your ruling and opinion does not have to be the same as the official ruling; we will be presenting you with new witnesses and the case may take a turn away from the case that proceeded in the actual ICC. YOU have the power to decide how this case proceeds.

Ahmed Haroun was born in the year of 1964 to a impoverished family in North Kordofan State, Sudan. Haroun was the governor of his hometown, and is famous for being wanted by the ICC. He is wanted by the International Criminal Court for his actions taken in 2003 and 2004 regarding the counter insurgency in Darfur. Ahmed Haroun participated in the Islamic Movement at a secondary school during the same period when the leaders of the movement were expanding the Islamic Movement into a larger organization. Haroun aspired to expand the Islamic Movement's religious outlook. Haroun participated in the creation of NIF-sponsored organizations that paralleled to the regular police and army. So when Haroun was held in authority positions, he enforced the teachings of the NIF organizations to rise in the ranks of the Islamic Movement. He was the holder of the Darfur security dossier at the Interior Ministry in 2003 where he began his disruption. Ahmed Haroun has been affiliated with militias responsible for serious war crimes in Sudan. Hudan is wanted by the ICC for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Darfur. The Sudanese Armed Forces and the Militia murdered civilians, raped and assaulted the dignity of women and girls, and destroyed and demolished the homes and belongings of many people. Ahmed Haroun has disobeyed the law and violated the basic rights of many innocent people. There has been over 50 counts where Ahmed Haroun has broken the law and destroyed communities because of his connections with the Sudan Army and Militia.

II. Plaintiff

Ahmed Haroun should be found guilty of the charges he is accused of because the crimes committed by the Sudan Army and Militias were directly under his control and therefore he must



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be held responsible for the death of innocent civilians. Ahmed Haroun let these horrendous crimes be committed under his authority, also his involvement with the Sudan Army and Militias caused destruction to villages and emotional unrest to their victims. Ahmed Haroun broke the law and is responsible for the deaths of many. Ahmed Haroun should be convicted because his consequence will serve as an example to show other leaders and armies to not violate the laws of the land, nor the human rights of others.

III. Defense

Due to the lack of evidence, Ahmed Haroun should not be found guilty. Although there are numerous cases where Haroun was found to be involved with, there is no direct evidence where Ahmed Haroun forced the Sudan Army or Militia to commit the crimes he is accused for. There is not enough evidence present to be able to accurately place Haroun in the affiliation of the plots or murders committed. While Haroun was in charge of the army and militia which committed several crimes, it would be impossible to directly stop all of the crimes, and Haroun should not be held responsible for the crimes he had no way of stopping.

Possible Witnesses:

Note – Not all of these witnesses are real. These witnesses are relevant to the case, but may or may not exist in real life. More witnesses will be interviewed in committee.

- Ahmed Haroun
- Government and military officials
- Victims of attacks
- President of Sudan

IV. Guiding Questions and Points

- Does the ICC have enough evidence to prove Ahmed Haroun is responsible for the crimes against humanity that he is accused of?
- Should the amount of crimes Ahmed Haroun is being charged for be reduced or increased?
- Is Ahmed Haroun directly responsible for the crimes committed by the Sudan Army and the Militia or did he have no control over their actions?
- Be ready to interact with other delegates and try to avoid bias
- Consider all of the known facts, the Court's previous actions, the validity of the accusations and whether or not they specifically apply to Haroun or also the people who worked for him during the time period in which the crimes were committed



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