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**AFRICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (AFBA) SUPPORTS THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS (IADL) IN OPPOSING THE REMOVAL OF ICC
PROSECUTOR KARIM A. A. KHAN KC**

The African Bar Association (AFBA) expresses its firm support for the position of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL) opposing efforts to remove the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Karim A. A. Khan KC.

AFBA notes that an independent panel of three distinguished judges, constituted by the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP), reviewed the relevant material and unanimously concluded that the evidence did not establish misconduct or breach of duty on the part of the Prosecutor under the applicable legal framework.

In light of these findings, AFBA calls upon the Assembly of States Parties to respect the rule of law, uphold the principles of due process, and give full and proper effect to the findings of the independent judicial panel. Disregarding the conclusions of a duly constituted and impartial judicial body risks undermining confidence in the integrity, independence, and credibility of the Court's institutional processes.

AFBA reiterates that the independence of the Office of the Prosecutor is fundamental to the effective administration of international criminal justice and must be protected from political influence or external pressure. Decisions affecting the tenure of the Prosecutor should be based solely on established legal standards, credible evidence, and fair procedures.

The African Bar Association therefore joins the International Association of Democratic Lawyers in urging the Assembly of States Parties to reject calls for the Prosecutor's removal that are inconsistent with the findings of the independent judicial panel and to uphold the principles of fairness, judicial independence, and the rule of law.

AFBA finally endorses and agrees in full with IADL position and urges the ASP as they meet on the 24th July 2023⁶ to accept and act with the position of the 3 member Judicial Panel Report

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