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Apparently, there is consideration for Australia to be involved with an International Criminal Code. Assuming this is true then my submission is as follows.

## Submission

Such agreements provide nations such as Russia with powers over Australia which we ourselves will not have. Countries such as Russia have at best haphazard legal policies and taking this into account, it would not be sensible to sign such an agreement or any any similar international code or legislation.

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