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The Honourable Julie Bishop MP Federal Member for Curtin 414 Rokeby Road Subiaco WA 6008

Submission No.

Dear Ms Bishop,

At the April meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Nations Association of Australia [WA Division], there was some discussion on the issue of the International Criminal Court.

Therefore, it is appropriate that I write to you, in your role as the Chairperson of the Treaties Committee to elicit the Australian Governments' position on the ratification of the Treaty.

Our Association is of the opinion that Australia should ratify the Treaty, particularly as Australia was one of the countries that voted in favour of it at the United Nations. Moreover, we believe that by ratifying the Treaty, we would be in a more favourable position to have an important role in the judicial appointments and the functioning of the Court.

I am sure your Committee is studying this matter with due diligence and I look forward to receiving your reply in the very near future.

Yours truly.

Lindsay Dorman Honorary Secretary United Nations Association of Australia [WA Division] 29<sup>th</sup> April 2002

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