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USAUN Security Council: No double standards on international justice

On 12 July, the United Nation's Security Council adopted resolution 1422. This attempts to provide UN peace-keepers from states that have not ratified the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) immunity from the jurisdiction of the ICC for one year. The resolution furthermore states that the Security Council intends to renew the resolution on an annual basis.

The decision followed weeks of resistance by many members of the Security Council to proposals by the United States which would in effect amend the Rome Statute. More than 100 states, including many of the 76 that have ratified the Rome Statute, expressed their concerns about the US proposals to the Security Council, including at a rare open session of the Security Council held on 10 July.

Following the decision, Amnesty International, many states and non-governmental organizations have expressed their concern that the resolution is in violation of the provisions of the Rome Statute and the United Nations Charter.

No further action is required by the UA network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.