

**Open letter  
To Ms Fatou Bensouda, Chief Prosecutor  
International Criminal Court The Hague.**

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**Re: Complaints against Australia's leaders filed with your office, including  
Ref: OTP-CR-174/14/001, OTP-CR-3/16 and OTP-CR-341/16**

Dear Ms Bensouda

The letter in bold text below originates from a forum held on 7 December 2017 at RMIT university in Melbourne, Australia, concerning crimes against humanity allegedly committed by (mainly) Australian politicians and officials in relation to asylum seekers and refugees. The forum was co-hosted by the Australian Refugee Action Network (ARAN). As you know, several complaints (submissions) on this issue have already been sent to your Office requesting an investigation that could lead to prosecutions.

Authors of the first and third above-mentioned submissions, one sent in 2014, the other in 2016, addressed the forum. The over 200 people present resolved to ask you respectfully:

1. to look at the ample evidence provided to you of crimes committed against refugees and people seeking asylum by some members of the Australian Government;
2. to conclude analysis of this evidence; and
3. to commence proceedings against all or some of the people named in those complaints.

Since then, the Refugee Action Collective (Victoria) – which also made a submission to you (OTP-CR-3/16) – has e-mailed individuals and organisations concerned about or involved with this issue, inviting them to:

- (a) read the submissions, at <http://rac-vic.org/resources/icc-submissions/>;
- (b) also sign this letter to you; then
- (c) send it direct to you at your international e-mail or postal address (see top left).

**I/we, the undersigned, believe it to be vital that continuing mistreatment of refugees and people seeking asylum by Australia cease. The ICC as the court of last resort in this matter should take action as soon as possible as the Executive, Legislative and Administrative institutions of Australia fail to do so.**

Yours sincerely

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Name (print in capitals)**                      **Position/organisation (if any)**                      **Your e-mail address**

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**Once you've signed, please e-mail or post this letter to the Chief Prosecutor at the relevant address (top left).**

For further information, you can contact [maxcostello@hotmail.com](mailto:maxcostello@hotmail.com) (Max is a Refugee Action Collective (Vic) member).