

Dutch Drugs Peace Institute asks Prosecutor with International Criminal Court, The Honorable Fatou Bensouda, to examine declarations by US President Donald J. Trump for incitement to genocide in the Philippines and beyond.



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On February 8, 2018, the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Mrs. Fatou Bensouda, declared she had decided to open a preliminary examination of crimes allegedly committed in the context of the "war on drugs" campaign launched by the Government of the Philippines. Since 1 July 2016, the day of the start of the administration of Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte, thousands of persons had been killed in that country for reasons related to their involvement in illegal drug use or dealing, many by extra-judicial killings in the course of police anti-drug operations.

The Drugs Peace Institute (DPI) conveyed its view that the killings mentioned above constitute the crime of genocide. The DPI equally submitted that the United Nations-units (UN-units) competent for international drug control policy formulation and implementation do incite - since the adoption of the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (SCND) - to this genocide. The DPI therefore holds that it is in the interest of justice that the competent UN-units mentioned be included in the preliminary examination

However, during the past two years no other person has so consistently attracted the world's attention for his approval for the Philippine genocide and his admiration for Mr. Rodrigo Duterte as the president of the USA, Mr. Donald J. Trump. Although his support for the Philippine genocide was deliberately packaged in such a way that, under the 2002 Rome Statute governing the ICC, the criteria set forth to determine the Courts jurisdiction would not be met, an April 23, 2018 press declaration from Malacañang Palace finally cleared that obstacle: Trump's incitements were made in the Philippines itself and fall within the ICC jurisdiction. As the Trump-effect is spreading the killings in the region and beyond, it seems to the DPI that there exists great urgency in establishing that there exists a "reasonable basis to believe that a crime within the jurisdiction of the Court has been or is being committed" by Mr. Trump of "sufficient gravity to justify further action by the Court". The DPI had the honor to inform Ms. Fatou Bensouda accordingly.

Please see [here](#) for detailed information.