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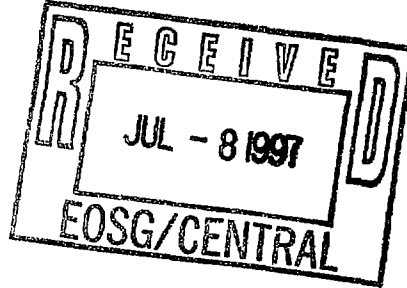
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Your Excellency,

I am most grateful to you for addressing the Opening Ceremony of the International Bar Association's 50th Anniversary at the Plaza Hotel on Wednesday 11 June. Your remarks were very well received by the audience of lawyers from around the world; your references to a permanent International Criminal Court were particularly appreciated. The International Bar Association is one of many NGO's that have been campaigning for the establishment of an International Criminal Court; the Council of the International Bar Association, consisting of representatives of Bar Associations and Law Societies of most of the countries in the United Nations, passed a resolution two years ago calling for an International Criminal Court and our member organisations have been urged to press their Governments to support the concept.

Your Excellency, the International Bar Association was founded fifty years ago, dedicated to support the aspirations and ideals of the United Nations. We continue to assist wherever we see an opportunity to do so, but I invite you to call upon the International Bar Association to harness the influence of the world's lawyers to your needs at any time that we can be of assistance to you.

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