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Honourable Prosecutor of the ICC, Ms. Fatou Bensouda,

My name is Kevin Suleiman, and I am currently studying Liberal Arts & Sciences with a major in International Justice at the Leiden University College in The Hague. In addition, I am a student ambassador for the Leiden University College. Moreover, I am a member of the Steering Committee for the Center of Peace and Human Security at the American University of Kurdistan, based in Duhok, Iraqi Kurdistan Region.

I am sending you this letter because I've written an article about the Yezidi genocide, which was conducted by jihadists of the Islamic State and the Levant (ISIL) in the Sinjar region of Northern Iraq on 3 August, 2014. The United Nations and various other international organization have confirmed that genocide has occurred and is ongoing against the Yezidis and other minorities in the region.

Therefore, I urge you as the prosecutor of the ICC, to initiate an *Proprio Motu* investigation regarding the atrocious crimes committed against the Yezidis. Not only will this contribute to the deterrent effect of the court – a crucial factor to prevent future atrocities – but it will simultaneously enhance the position of the ICC as a legitimate judicial body which is capable of prosecuting atrocious violations of human rights.

Please see the article in the journal that I'm sending with this e-mail for my further argumentation. (p.14)

I am very much looking forward to receive a response from you, and if it's possible, I would very much like to visit you at your office and conduct an interview with you regarding the role of the ICC in the quest to consolidate the international criminal justice system, and to what extent, we as students in this city can contribute to empower the objectives of the ICC.

Yours sincerely,

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