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**Japanese Workers' Committee for Human Rights:
Statement condemning US Trump Administration's Sanction against ICC**

On August 18, 2026, the US government has announced designation of sanction against ICC President Tomoko Akane together with judges, prosecutors and staff personnel of the world court that is the sole permanent international judiciary on the most serious international crimes. That is based on the Executive Order No. 14203 of February 6, 2025 imposing sanctions on the International Criminal Court, just because of ICC's delivery of arrest on a situation of war between Israel-Palestine. The Executive Order itself has been claimed its constitutionality in US federal courts, and it could even go far against the international obligation to cooperate to realize the objectives of the UN; in addition, the sanctions on ICC staff may constitute interruption of ICC's activities for trying the most serious international crimes with an aim to prevail the Rule of Law all over the World, so it could also constitute impeding "Judicial Independence." In summing up, the Executive Order and designation of sanctions is a clear and dangerous violation of the International Law.

We, Japanese Workers' Committee for Human Rights as a Japan-based civil society in a special consultative status with ECOSOC, call upon the US government to withdraw the sanctions on ICC by upholding numerous organizations of civil society and 88 States Parties to ICC ASP and also by expressing solidarity with US civil society groups that have filed lawsuits on unconstitutionality of the Executive Order. We also express our sincere commitment to ICC for more stronger support and assistance. We call upon also the Japanese government to take a much-more resolute attitude toward the US government in its unlawful impositions of sanction, and as well to provide more stronger supports toward ICC.

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