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Madam/Sir

This refers to Mr. Aklavya Anand's submission of essay titled 'Third World Approaches to International Law and the International Criminal Court: A Perspective from the Global South' for the Essay Competition-2016.

I personally know Mr. Aklavya Anand as a student of the LL.M programme at the Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University, New Delhi. I co-taught his class Legal Research Methodology during his first semester and taught International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law in second and third semesters respectively. Currently he is pursuing doctoral studies, at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

International criminal law gained significance in the last few decades. It continues to attract the attention of the scholarly community. I have gone through the essay and found it interesting. The author makes an attempt to evaluate the International criminal Court (ICC) from a third world perspective. This kind of critical engagement with the ICC attains significance particularly in the context of recent withdrawals by some State parties. I believe this essay would add to the existing literature on ICC.

Keeping in view the significance of the topic and the way it has been dealt with, I endorse Mr. Aklavya Anand's essay titled 'Third World Approaches to International Law and the International Criminal Court: A Perspective from the Global South' for the Essay Competition-2016. I wish him all the best.

(Srinivas Burra)