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Explanations of vote:

Report: Wolfgang Kreissl-Dörfler ([A7-0368/011](#))

Pino Arlacchi (S&D), in writing . – I voted for this resolution because I agree with the intention to express our support for the ICC, the Rome Statute and the international criminal justice system, whose primary objective is the fight against impunity for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

For this reason, the EEAS, the EU Member States and the Commission should continue their vigorous efforts to promote universal ratification of the Rome Statute and to guarantee the independence of the ICC. I strongly believe that a stronger ICC is a step toward the main goal of the Schuman declaration: building a lasting peace on the European continent and, more generally, to ‘make war not only unthinkable but materially impossible’. However, I would like to express my concern about the fact that so far the ICC has only investigated cases located in Africa. In order to avoid the legitimate criticism that this conduct has raised concerning the Court, the ICC Prosecutor should balance the geographical scope of the Court.

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