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S. 833

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2025

Mr. LEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to
the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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United States by the ICC, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Move the ICC Out
5 of NYC Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Senate ratified the Charter of the
9 United Nations in 1945, finalizing the accession of
10 the United States to the United Nations.

1 (2) Congress enacted the Joint Resolution of
2 August 4, 1947 (61 Stat. 756, chapter 482; 22
3 U.S.C. 287 note) (commonly known as the “United
4 Nations Headquarters Agreement Act”) to authorize
5 the United Nations headquarters in New York, New
6 York.

7 (3) The Senate has not ratified the Rome Stat-
8 ute of the International Criminal Court.

9 (4) The International Criminal Court has no ju-
10 risdiction within the United States or over United
11 States persons.

12 (5) The International Criminal Court maintains
13 an office within the United Nations headquarters in
14 New York, New York.

15 (6) Since its approval by Congress, the United
16 Nations Headquarters Agreement has been amended
17 through supplemental agreements, with the United
18 States Ambassador to the United Nations serving as
19 representative of the United States.

20 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this Act:

22 (1) INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT; ROME
23 STATUTE.—The terms “International Criminal
24 Court” and “Rome Statute” have the meaning given

1 those terms in section 2013 of the American Service-
2 Members' Protection Act (22 U.S.C. 7432).

3 (2) UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREE-
4 MENT.—The term “United Nations Headquarters
5 Agreement” means the Agreement regarding the
6 Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake
7 Success on June 26, 1947, and entered into force on
8 November 21, 1947, between the United Nations
9 and the United States.

10 **SEC. 4. SUPPLEMENT TO UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS**
11 **AGREEMENT.**

12 Not later than 30 days after the opening date of the
13 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly, the
14 United States Ambassador to the United Nations shall
15 seek to open negotiations at the United Nations for a sup-
16 plemental agreement to the United Nations Headquarters
17 Agreement to prohibit the United Nations from hosting,
18 leasing, or otherwise allowing use of its facilities within
19 the United States by the International Criminal Court.

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