NADAL NETWORK

NETWORK OF THE PROSECUTORS AT THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The NADAL Network,

Recalling its continued commitment to the rule of law as a fundamental foundation of democratic society and one of the values on which the European Union has been founded, as expressed in the 2026 Brussels declaration of our Network;

Reiterating that an independent judiciary, free from external influence, is a necessary precondition for the rule of law to exist;

Recognising in accordance with the Rome Statute the necessity for international cooperation to guarantee the rule of law concerning the gravest crimes, such as genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression, and the crucial importance of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in this regard;

Noting with concern the campaign to "dismantle" the ICC, announced on 13 July 2026 by the US Secretary of State, threatening additional sanctions against the ICC and affiliated organisations, as well as diplomatic efforts to discourage membership to the Rome Statute;

Also concerned by the continued sanctions against individual ICC judges and prosecutors, imposed in 2025 and 2026 by the US Government;

Further concerned by the sanctions against the ICC as an institution announced by the US Government on 9 October 2026;

Recognising with concern that these actions undermine respect for an international judicial institution established to uphold the rule of law, as well as its functioning;

1. Reaffirms its support for the independence of the International Criminal Court, including its judges, prosecutors and staff;
2. Condemns all initiatives against the International Criminal Court, to obstruct its judges, prosecutors and staff, and to interfere with its operation.