

Agreement between the Government of the United States of
America and the Government of Eritrea Regarding the
Surrender of Persons to the International Criminal Court

The Government of the United States of America and the
Government of Eritrea, hereinafter "the Parties,"

Reaffirming the importance of bringing to justice those who
commit genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes,

Recalling that the Rome Statute of the International
Criminal Court done at Rome on July 17, 1998 by the United
Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the
Establishment of an International Criminal Court is
intended to complement and not supplant national criminal
jurisdiction,

Considering that the Parties have each expressed their
intention to investigate and to prosecute where appropriate
acts within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal
Court alleged to have been committed by their officials,
employees, military personnel or nationals,

Bearing in mind Article 98 of the Rome Statute,

Hereby agree as follows:

1. For purposes of this Agreement, "persons" are current
or former Government officials, employees (including
contractors), or military personnel or nationals of one
Party.

2. Persons of one Party present in the territory of the
other shall not, absent the express consent of the first
Party,
 - (a) be surrendered or transferred by any means to the
International Criminal Court for any purpose, or
 - (b) be surrendered or transferred by any means to any
other entity or third country, or expelled to a third
country, for the purpose of surrender to or transfer
to the International Criminal Court.

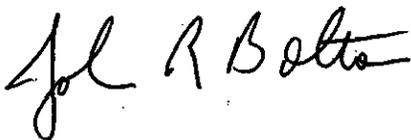
3. When the Government of the United States of America extradites, surrenders, or otherwise transfers a person of Eritrea to a third country, the Government of the United States of America will not agree to the surrender or transfer of that person to the International Criminal Court by the third country, absent the express consent of the Government of Eritrea.

4. When the Government of Eritrea extradites, surrenders, or otherwise transfers a person of the United States of America to a third country, the Government of Eritrea will not agree to the surrender or transfer of that person to the International Criminal Court by the third country, absent the express consent of the Government of the United States of America.

5. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties. It will remain in force until one year after the date on which one Party notifies the other of its intent to terminate this Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply with respect to any act occurring, or any allegation arising, before the effective date of termination.

Done at Washington, D.C., in duplicate, this eighth day of July, 2004.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
ERITREA:

