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Secretary of State Hillary Clinton
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
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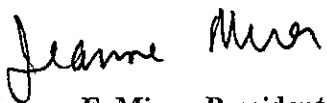
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Ambassador James Kimonyo
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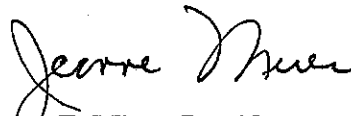
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Special Ambassador Stephen J. Rapp
Office of War Crimes Issues
2201 C Street NW, Room 7419-A
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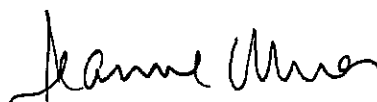
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Kigali, Rwanda

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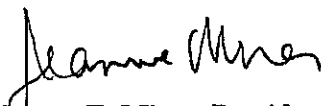
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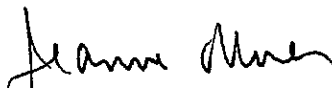
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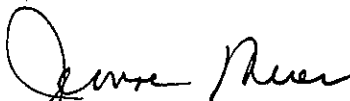
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