Official response of the State of Israel:

Unfortunately, your statements misrepresent the reality of the situation. Israel is not interfering in the affairs of the ICC; rather, the ICC is interfering in Israel's affairs. Israel has never consented to the Court's jurisdiction, yet in recent years it has increasingly faced illegitimate and baseless attempts to pursue proceedings against it, including the issuance of arrest warrants against its democratically elected leaders. This constitutes direct interference of the gravest kind in a state's internal affairs and sovereign rights.

Israel has every right to oppose these proceedings, which are driven by political considerations and pursued in violation of fundamental legal principles. Israel has also raised its objections openly and publicly in proceedings it has initiated before the ICC despite not being a state party to the ICC. We invite you to read Israel's submissions which, individually and collectively, reveal the extent of the injustice this institution has inflicted on Israel.

For the historical record, your claim that Israel has opposed the Court since its establishment is incorrect. Israel was among the early supporters of the idea of establishing a permanent international criminal court and participated in the negotiations to establish the Court in the 1990s. Ultimately, however, it decided to vote against the Statute and not to join the Court after identifying troubling indications of the politicization and potential for abuse of the institution—a concern that unfortunately has now been proven justified.