

MOHAMED KEBE: [Interpretation] I'm Mohamed Kebe. I belong to the Senegal Bar Association. I take the floor on a personal basis.

First of all, I would thank you, Mr. Prosecutor, as well as your staff for organising this consultation with experts in order to discuss with you about your programmes and the main lines of action of your Office.

You also decided to invite all legal traditions in the world so that you may have available very different opinions and comments. I'd like to comment on the interaction your Office might establish with national polices as well national offices of the Prosecutor. In conjunction with the Rome Statute, I'd like to share with you some reflections and comments on this topic.

You have priority to get out investigation, and the States have an obligation to cooperate with your Office. However, it cannot be done if there is no legal framework to accommodate this cooperation. I operated with your colleagues in the implementation of the Statute in Senegal as well as in other countries of Africa, and I discovered how important it would be for the future that in its daily work your Office should incorporate effective cooperation with domestic offices of the Prosecutor. If perpetrators are to be surrendered to the ICC, if you don't have legal framework to allow for cooperation with domestic jurisdictions, it will be very difficult.

In Senegal, when we drafted an implementation bill, we cooperated with other West African, French-speaking States, and when we talked about cooperating with ICC, several prosecutors conveyed their feelings about the way in which cooperation with the ICC could be organised. We drew some inspiration from such ideas, and I think that your Office should also concentrate on this.

The training you mention in your document should not necessarily

stop at the borders, at the frontier of your Office. It should also be extended to your relays in the States Parties, because such relays and contact points will have to cooperate with you and therefore it would be highly desirable for this training to be extended to them as well.

Now I'd like to mention an item which I don't have in writing but which seems to be very important: your future relations with the International Bar Association. For the first time, you'll have a bar association with lawyers that will be able to play the role of the victims' counsels, because it may very well happen that you share the cause of the victims' counsels, and therefore it would be important for your Office to have mechanisms in place for these counsels to have available which are only available to your Office, and that will be extremely useful for the role they have to play.

Thank you very much.