

BARRY HANCOCK: I'm Barry Hancock, General Counsel of the International Association of Prosecutors.

Mr. Prosecutor, yesterday, after the formal ceremony, I was delighted to join with my Secretary-General in congratulating you on your election on behalf of a vast body of fellow prosecutors around the world. Thank you for this opportunity to speak at this refreshingly constructive event. I should also like, through you, to thank Morten Bergsmo for his generous words about the role of the IAP in its work with the Coalition on the first draft of the Code of conduct.

The IAP has supported the work of the Coalition as a member and we have endeavoured to keep our own members informed of developments relating to the ICC. We've done this through our newsletter and our web site - www.iap.nl.com - and by devoting an entire afternoon of our 2001 annual conference to ICC issues.

Now to the point relating to interacting with prosecutors.

Mr. Antonio Cassese urged you in the first session to make direct contacts with senior State prosecutors. I'm sure that you and your colleagues are going to be very busy, and I'd like to suggest a way in which we could save you some work. Please come to us and use our existing networks with prosecutors' offices in 120 countries. In that way you can build up contact points for the ICC in each such office. You can also, on a more general level, use our methods of communication. We should welcome articles from the OTP to be published in our newsletter. We have an electronic journal which is called "The International Prosecutor", and articles can be published there to inform prosecutors of your work.

I anticipate you'll be too busy to attend our 2003 conference in Washington in August. I'll leave this with you anyway. But I invite you to join us as a speaker at our 2004 conference in Seoul Korea when the

subject is "Different Systems, Common Goals." Yours is a new jurisdiction, a new system, but as is clear from the excellent preparatory documents, your goals are and will remain common to all with a general commitment to the interests of justice.

Thank you again, and may you have every success in your endeavours.