

BERNHARD BRAUNE: Thank you, Mr. Prosecutor.

My name is Bernhard Braune. I'm a member of the ICC task force in the German Federal Foreign Office, but speak here today, as do all the other speaks, in my own personal capacity.

Mr. Prosecutor, it shows that as a former board member of Transparency International you are committed to international transparency, and that is certainly to be welcomed. The draft you have put forward is an excellent one, and it's an excellent basis for the OTP to start its work now.

It is, in my view, a wise approach to consult with other national and international judicial organs on the difficult tasks you are heading. As it was said, the ICC should endeavour to make new mistakes and try not to copy old ones. The approach you are taking to build a lean and horizontal structure in the OTP which can be flexible, expand and decrease, is a very good one.

It is also true, when talking about cost-effective structures, as was done in the draft policy paper, that this is a crucial issue. The ICC will not only be judged by the number of cases it will deal with, or the cases it will not deal with, but the ICC will also be judged upon by how it will use its public funds. It is therefore to be welcomed that the draft policy paper is addressing the issue of a cost-effective structure. This includes that the OTP will explain, as it does here today, carefully to the public how it will organise its structure.

Mr. Prosecutor, according to Article 42(2), it is your authority to manage and administrate the OTP. States Parties will continue to give you the support you will need because they can be sure that you will manage and administrate at the Court or the OTP in a way which will ensure the cost-effective structure.

We have the chance to create a unique, or to sculpture a unique

international institution, and in my personal view you are totally on the right track.

Thank you very much.