

ARNE DAHL: Mr. Prosecutor, my congratulations.

A few words about myself first. At the present time, I am head of the Legal Services of the Norwegian Armed Forces. In their future, however, I shall be joining the Prosecution Authority, being responsible for developing a national prosecution investigation unit for international crimes, which explains my presence here.

I do not have much wisdom to offer for the panel here, or for the audience in general, so my message will be rather short.

The Statute of the ICC has provisions for cooperation with States Parties, beginning with Article 87. Yesterday we discussed the organisation of the Office of the Prosecutor, and it was pointed out that it would be necessary to expand and shrink the Investigation Section as needed.

In situations when the capacity of the Office of the Prosecutor is saturated, for instance, when a large number of possible witnesses have to be checked out and interviewed, as we saw during the Kosovo crisis, it seems evident that the Office of the Prosecutor will have to call upon assistance from others.

Norwegian military lawyers, military police and civilian police resources have assisted the ICTY on past occasions in similar situations. Although I'm not in the position to enter into specific commitments here and now, I think it's safe to indicate that similar assistance might be provided to the ICC, too, from Norwegian resources.

Thank you.