

## The Prosecutor



### **Serge Brammertz**

Chief Prosecutor of the ICTY since 1 January 2008

Born: 1962, Eupen, Belgium

Before his appointment by the UN Security Council as Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Serge Brammertz of Belgium was the Commissioner of the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission into the murder of the former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, a post he held from January 2006 until the end of 2007.

Previously, he was Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, in charge of the Investigations Division of the Office of the Prosecutor when the investigations of crimes committed in Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Darfur were initiated.

Before his election at the ICC by the Assembly of State Parties in September 2003, he was the head of the Federal Prosecution of the Kingdom of Belgium where he supervised numerous investigations and trials related to cases of organized crime, terrorism and violations of international humanitarian law.

From 1997 to 2002, as a national magistrate, Serge Brammertz was in charge of coordinating at the national and international level investigations in the fields of international drug trafficking and trafficking of human beings. During this period, he also worked for the European Commission, the Council of Europe and the International Organization for Migration as an expert on these and related issues.

From 1989 to 1997, he served as Deputy Prosecutor, then Chief Deputy Prosecutor at the Court of First Instance in Eupen (Belgium), before becoming Deputy to the Prosecutor-General at the Liège Court of Appeal.

Mr. Brammertz was a professor of law at the University of Liège and an author on organized crime and international cooperation in criminal matters who has published extensively in European and international academic journals. He holds a law degree from the University of Louvain-la-Neuve, a degree in Criminology from the University of Liège and a PhD in international law from the Albert Ludwig University in Freiburg, Germany.