



PRESS RELEASE

NEW PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTORS

JUAN BAUTISTA MAHIQUES IS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE AUTONOMOUS CITY OF BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.



Tbilisi, September 29, 2022. The International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) elected Mr. Juan Bautista Mahiques as its new President for the next three years on September 29 at its 27th General Meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Mr Mahiques thus succeeds Mr Cheol-Kyu Hwang, Chief Prosecutor of the Republic of Korea's Public Prosecution Service and becomes the organisation's ninth President.

Mahiques is the Attorney General of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He served as an Executive Committee Ordinary Member of the IAP since November 2020 and as IAP Vice President for the Latin American Region since October 2021.

His vision statement highlighted the need to promote ongoing training for prosecutors and the collaboration of the entire global network of prosecutors through real-time messaging via the Association's Prosecutors International Cooperation Platform (PICP).

In addition, during his first official speech before the Association's General Meeting, he emphasised the importance of sharing a space for face-to-face

exchange following the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the challenges resulting from new technologies and transnational crimes, among other things.

"The challenges posed by new technologies, as well as the resulting immediacy of interactions in a globalised context, increase the complexity of crimes that we face daily. We are witnessing a surge in narco-criminality, an exponential increase in hate speech that parallels the growth of social media, and unprecedented expressions of sexual crimes and violence against women."

The IAP is the only worldwide association of prosecutors. Founded in 1995 at the United Nations offices in Vienna and holding a UN consultative status, it has demonstrated a strong commitment over the years to establishing and improving the standards of professional conduct and ethics for prosecutors worldwide, and to promoting the Rule of Law, impartiality, and respect for Human Rights.

With over **183** Organisational Members, including Prosecution Offices, Associations of Prosecutors, and International Organisations, it is currently a source of inspiration, networking, and training for over **250,000** prosecutors from **175** countries and territories worldwide.