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Your Highness Sheikh, Vice-President, Primeminister Muhammad bin Raschid Al Maktum, your Excellency Essam Essa Al Humaidan, Attorney General, Dubai, your Excellencies, Prosecutor Generals, dear colleagues and friends:

The International Association of Prosecutors celebrated its 19th year of existence earlier this summer and it is a good sign, that for the first time we can hold our Annual Conference and General Meeting in the Middle East. Now the IAP has fully grown up into a truly worldwide organisation. We have come to one of the most amazing cities in the world to learn from each other. I know that His Highness aims for everything in this country to be the absolute top and I have the greatest respect for that. We all should try to achieve absolute excellency in prosecution and we can only reach that aim if we treat each other with

respect and listen to each other. Every prosecutor in this room and everywhere else should should aim to be an efficient and strong defender of the rule of law and the basic human rights. Although we come from different cultural backgrounds and work in varied legal systems this is the common goal that unites us. In the next few days we will share our experiences, we shall meet old friends and make new contacts with the global prosecutorial family. We will all try our best to help each other so that every participant leaves Dubai enriched with knowledge, impressions and the e-mail-addresses of a few dozen colleagues.

It is a great honour for me as the President of the International Association of Prosecutors to thank His Highness and the Prosecution Service of Dubai, United Arab Emirates for this kind invitation and the huge effort that was put into the preparation of the conference. May the first IAP conference in the Middle East be a huge success for all of us.

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President of the IAP