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President of the ICC to Address UN General Assembly for the First Time Tomorrow

WHAT: Tomorrow afternoon, the President of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Judge Philippe Kirsch, will present the first-ever report of the ICC to the United Nations General Assembly. Judge Kirsch will be addressing the General Assembly about the Court's activities and planning to date. This address will provide an update to the Court's 1 August 2005 report [UN Doc. A/60/177] which included information about the Court's Relationship Agreement with the United Nations, including cooperation agreements with the UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC), as well as Interpol, the African Union, the European Union and other key States and non-governmental organizations and new developments within the Court's judicial chambers, Presidency, Office of the Prosecutor, Registry and the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC.

WHEN/WHERE: Tomorrow's address by Judge Kirsch should include updates on all three of the Court's current cases: Uganda; the Democratic Republic of Congo; and Darfur, Sudan. The address is due to start at 3:00 pm (EST) in New York.

Most recently, on 29 June 2005, ICC Prosecutor, Mr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo, addressed the UN Security Council about the activities undertaken by his office since the 31 March 2005 UN Security Council Resolution 1593, which referred the situation in Darfur, Sudan to the ICC, was passed. On October, the Court unsealed arrest warrants for five members of the LRA in Uganda.

WHO: Judge Philippe Kirsch (Canada) was elected as an ICC judge from the Western European and others Group of States (WEOG) in February 2003. He was then elected to serve as President of the ICC in March 2003. In addition, he was assigned to the ICC Appeals Division along with Judge Georghios Piki (Cyprus), Judge Navi Pillay (South Africa), Judge Sang-hyun Song (Republic of Korea), and Judge Erkki Kourula (Finland). In 1998, Judge Kirsch served as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole of the Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court. He was also Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court (1999 to 2002).

The President's address will be webcast on the UN's website at: <http://www.un.org/webcast/index.asp>

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