

Mr. President, Vice-Presidents,
Your Honours,
Mr President of the Assembly of States Parties
Mr Deputy-Prosecutor,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honour for me to stand here today before you, in what is the proudest moment in my career. My profound admiration for the mandate of the International Criminal Court dates back to almost eighteen years ago, when I participated in the preparatory commission for the drafting of the Rules of Procedures and Evidence. Already then, before the Court had even come into existence, I was moved by how the mandate of the Court galvanized support and united us all to build an institution that worked for victims of atrocities, for fair trial, for justice.

I take the duties and responsibilities of the Registrar of the Court very seriously, and it is my deep sense of commitment to this institution that will guide my work during my term. I do not underestimate the challenges ahead, but I am sure that with the support of all of you, and the hard work of the staff of the Registry we will continue to ensure the full realisation of the Court's mandate.

Je vous remercie de me donner la possibilité de servir la Cour. C'est pour moi un grand honneur.

I thank you for your trust.