



Barreau Pénal **International** Criminal Bar

**Re : General Assembly of the International Criminal Bar
Berlin, March 21st and 22nd, 2003**

Dear President,
Dear Colleague,
Dear Madam, Dear Sir

The Resolution adopted on June 15, 2002 at the end of the Conference of Montreal on the Creation of the International Criminal Bar (ICB) for the International Criminal Court (ICC) took note of the creation of the International Criminal Bar after the vote of more than 350 persons from 48 States of all continents, including representatives of 68 international, regional and national Bars and associations of counsels, individual legal practitioners and representatives of non-governmental organisations and established a Steering Committee charged to prepare the final draft of the Constitution of the International Criminal Bar.

According to this Resolution, the Steering Committee, composed of the representatives of the various regions of the world, met in Paris November 23rd and 24th, 2002 and, at the end of these two working days, adopted a final draft of the Constitution.

The International Criminal Bar for the International Criminal Court will be holding its General Assembly in

Berlin on March 21st and 22nd, 2003
at the Estrel Hôtel Berlin
Sonnenallee 225
12 057 Berlin

We would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite your participation at this General Assembly of the International Criminal Bar, supported by the German Bar Association (Deutscher Anwaltverein) and the German Federal Bar (Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer).

The International Criminal Bar has been founded in response to a need to create an organization for counsels at the International Criminal Court. It stands on the principle that an independent and united voice for counsel appearing before the new Court is necessary. Equally, this organization must be fully representative, both of the different legal systems of the world as well as its regions.

Please find attached to this letter the following documents:

- **In the same** document, a **Registration Form** for participation in the Assembly (to be returned by March 1, 2003) and a **Hotel Registration Form** for the Estrel Hotel Berlin (to be sent directly to the hotel before February 20, 2003)

- An **Overview** of the ICB including an **Expression of Interest Form**

The General Assembly of the ICB will elect the Council and adopt a draft of Code of Conduct for counsels.

The Code of Conduct as approved by the General Assembly will be submitted to the Registrar of the International Criminal Court for submission to the President of the Court.

The Constitution and the Code of Conduct of the International Criminal Bar will be available on the International Criminal Bar website from mid-February for your consideration. If you would like these to be mailed to you, please inform us. For further information on the International Criminal Bar or consultation of other relevant documents, please visit our website at: <http://www.bpi-icb.org> or <http://www.icb-bpi.org>

If you wish to attend the General Assembly of the International Criminal Bar, please confirm your participation by sending back the registration form attached to this letter **before March 1st, 2003** if possible by e-mail to the following address: bpi_icb@yahoo.fr or by fax to 00 31 70 335 35 32 to the attention of Sophie BORIACHON (Tel: 00 31 70 335 35 35).

The payment of the registration fees should be made by credit transfer before the General Assembly to the following bank account or directly in cash on March 21st, 2003 before the beginning of the General Assembly:

**ING Bank Den Haag
The Netherlands (The Hague, La Haye)
68.67.12.781 with reference to "ICB Preparatory Entity"**

The programme of these two days of General Assembly will be sent to you very soon and will be available on the website of the ICB very soon.

Concerning the possibilities of accommodation in Berlin, we have blocked rooms in the Estrel Hotel Berlin. If you wish to book a room in this hotel, it is important that the hotel receive your registration **directly** as soon as possible before **February 20, 2003** since the available accommodation is limited. The hotel registration form may be sent by fax to the following number: 00 49 30 6831 2345 or to the following e-mail address: reservierung@estrel.com

If you are not able to attend the General Assembly of the ICB, but are interested in becoming a member of the ICB, please send us back the **Expression of interest form** included in the **Overview of the ICB**, by e-mail to: bpi_icb@yahoo.fr or by fax to 00 31 70 335 35 32.

If you are not able to attend the General Assembly of the ICB, but would like to vote in order to elect the Council of the ICB, please send to a person you know and who will attend the General Assembly a **proxy** and a **copy of your identity card or passport**. In this proxy, the name, address and position of the person authorised to vote in your name should be included. A model of proxy will be available on the website very soon.

No person may hold more than three proxy votes.

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you or of renewing your acquaintance, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

The Members of the Advance Team of the International Criminal Bar

Nasser Amin (Egypt), Vincent Asselineau (France), Jennifer Balint (Australia), Jeroen Brouwer (The Netherlands), Chrystel Deray (France), Kenneth Gallant (United States), Elise Groulx (Canada), Jeremy Gauntlett (South Africa), Kap-you Kim (South Korea), Eberhard Kempf (Germany), Carolina Loayza (Peru), Sergey Popov (Russia), Fatoumata Sylla (Mali), Luc Walley (Belgium)