



**MONTREAL  
CONFERENCE ON THE CREATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL BAR  
FINAL RESOLUTION**

The Montreal Conference on the Creation of the International Criminal Bar,

**COMPRISING** more than 350 persons from forty eight states of all continents, including representatives of sixty eight international, regional and national Bars and associations of counsel, individual legal practitioners, and representatives of non-governmental organizations,

**CONSIDERING** the need for an independent and truly international body to represent counsel before the International Criminal Court as a third pillar of the Court itself,

**CONSIDERING** the Council of Europe Recommendation Rec(2000)21 of the Committee of Ministers to member state on the freedom of exercise of the profession of lawyer and the Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers adopted by the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,

**RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The International Criminal Bar be and is hereby founded.
2. We adopt, as a founding assembly, the draft framework Constitution attached, with the amending outline which follows for the consideration of all participating bodies and individuals and for proposed adoption, with or without further amendment, at the first meeting of the General Assembly.
3. A Steering Committee as endorsed by this conference shall prepare a final proposed text of the Constitution of the International Criminal Bar for adoption and ensure its compliance with the law of the Netherlands, as the host State of the International Criminal Court.
4. The Steering Committee shall prepare a draft first budget for the International Criminal Bar and prepare for the first meeting of the General Assembly.
5. The Steering Committee shall consider a draft Disciplinary Code for adoption by the General Assembly and submission to the International Criminal Court.
6. All attendees of the Montreal Conference are called upon to submit any responses to the draft framework Constitution to the Steering Committee by 15 September 2002;
7. The Steering Committee is directed to make all efforts to complete its work so that the first General Assembly may occur before the appointment of the first Registrar of the International Criminal Court.

Montreal  
15 June 2002

