

**Statement for the Press by the President of the Assembly of States Parties to the
Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court,
HRH Prince Zeid Raad Al Hussein, New York**

New York, 25 March 2003

“I am pleased to report that, on Friday 21 March 2003, the States parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court agreed informally, and on the basis of consensus, to elect at the forthcoming resumed session of the Assembly of States Parties, Mr. Luis Moreno Ocampo, of Argentina, as prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

In agreeing to Mr. Moreno Ocampo, and following months of lengthy consultations between the governments on a number of strong contenders, the States Parties are confident the newly-established Court will benefit in the coming years from a gifted prosecutor with proven abilities; a man of recognized integrity. The States Parties look forward to electing him, formally, to this important position at the resumed session of the Assembly of States Parties, which will convene from 21-24 April 2003, in New York