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My dear fellow prosecutors!

It is my great honour to be the President of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), the only international organisation for prosecutors. First, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the IAP members for welcoming me as the new International Association of Prosecutors' President. I am also very grateful to my predecessor, Mr. Gerhard Jarosch, for successfully leading the IAP for the past six years.

I would like to take the opportunity to highlight the successful hosting of the 24th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the IAP held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Under the theme, "International Cooperation across Different Legal System," around 500 prosecutors from more than 100 countries joined in Buenos Aires to discuss ways to strengthen cooperation and achieve fruitful results.

Keeping in mind that such values as the "rule of law" and "criminal justice" are the threads that run through all our prosecutorial missions, I would like to make a meaningful contribution to reinforcing international cooperation in the IAP, as the first and foremost task during my term. I believe that true friendship is a precious seed to sprout into firm trust and the constant building of mutual trust will grow into a tree that will reap fruits of more effective and efficient cooperation. I also hope that we not only find the best solution for the urgent issues, but also encourage the capacity-building of world prosecutors in the long-term perspective.

With the upcoming 25th anniversary of the IAP next year, now is the time that we renew our commitment and upgrade our Association to pursue our ultimate goals. It says, "A dream you dream alone remains a dream. But a dream you dream together becomes a reality." I look forward to sharing the common prosecutorial dream altogether, which will definitely come true.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cheol-Kyu Hwang', is displayed on a light-colored background.

Cheol-Kyu Hwang, President of IAP