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ADC-ICT Statement on the Passing of Mr. Slobodan Praljak

The Association of Defence Counsel practising before the International Courts and Tribunals (ADC-ICT) regrets the passing of Mr. Slobodan Praljak and the unfortunate event that occurred at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) on 29 November 2017.

During the reading of the summary of the Appeals Judgement in the *Prlić et al* case, Mr. Praljak, one of the six appellants, apparently drank a liquid that may have resulted in his death.

The ADC-ICT fully supports a transparent, independent and impartial investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident. The President of the ICTY has asked the Dutch authorities to conduct an investigation which is currently ongoing.

The ADC-ICT wishes to express its condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Praljak.

The ADC-ICT is an independent professional association which represents all defence counsel practising before the ICTY and the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals. The ADC-ICT works to promote and protect the interests of defence counsel and their clients and ensure the proper function of defence is respected in proceedings before international courts and tribunals.

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