

Statement of the Registrar on the transfer of Ratko Mladić to the
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

The Hague, 1 June 2011

Good afternoon.

Thank you for coming on what is a landmark day for the Tribunal and for international justice generally. The arrest of Ratko Mladic and his transfer to The Hague brings the ICTY one step closer to the successful completion of its mandate.

Yesterday evening I received Mr Mladic at the airport and, together with my staff, we carried out the regular induction procedures at the United Nations Detention Unit. It is part of my responsibilities as Registrar to ensure that Mr Mladic's detainee rights are respected at all times, and that he is provided with adequate facilities for the preparation of his defence.

As with all of our detainees, Ratko Mladic will have access to the best possible medical attention that the host state, The Netherlands, can provide, including access to any necessary specialists.

I'm ready to take a few questions. Thank you.