

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Swiss Arbitration Association is delighted to welcome delegates, those accompanying them and, last but not least, the Members of the "International Council for Commercial Arbitration" to Lausanne and the ICCA Interim Meeting.

The Council, under Professor Pieter Sanders's dynamic presidency, decided, some years ago, to hold this important meeting in our country, thereby emulating the example set by many operating in the field of international commerce who for many years have chosen Switzerland as a venue for arbitration.

This choice, in our eyes, constitutes a sign of confidence which is, of course, an honour for Switzerland but which, and above all else, comprises a duty: that of doing all in our power to ensure as fine a welcome as possible to delegates to an international conference and parties to an international arbitration alike, and to offer to both a material and legal atmosphere conducive to their work.

It is in this spirit and following the example set by the 1982 Hamburg Congress, so well organised by our Germany friends, that our Association has worked in the preparation of this Interim Meeting. It is in this spirit that we extend a warm welcome to all those participating in the Lausanne Meeting.

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