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INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Judge Antonio CASSESE, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, discusses the formation of the UN's first international criminal tribunal. Judge Cassese, a distinguished Italian jurist, reviews the mandate given to the Tribunal by the Security Council to investigate and bring to justice those accused of war crimes, genocide and other crimes against humanity in the former Yugoslavia. He also outlines the structure and operating procedure of the Tribunal, which will consist of 11 judges in two trial courts and an appellate court sitting in The Hague, Netherlands. Judge Cassese also discusses the conceptual and practical difficulties encountered in setting up the Tribunal, which is without benefit of precedent in international law.

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