

qui a consacré sa vie entière à la cause de la paix et de la sécurité dans le monde. Nous accueillons enfin en vous un fils privilégié du Pérou, pays avec lequel le Canada a des relations particulièrement cordiales.

Vous me permettez, Monsieur le Secrétaire général, de souligner également la présence de certains de vos éminents collaborateurs, Monsieur Erik Suy, sous-secrétaire général et conseiller juridique et Monsieur Emilio de Olivares, votre chef de Cabinet, que nous sommes heureux d'accueillir.

I must add here a special word of welcome to the distinguished members of the International Court of Justice who are attending this meeting of the ILA. Judge Mosler and Judge Jennings, we are proud and honoured to receive you here together with your new Canadian colleague Judge Maxwell Cohen.

I would also like to welcome Lord Wilberforce and Dr. Avramov and to express appreciation for the time and energy they have devoted to the Association over the years. Its continuing vitality and sense of purpose are largely due to their efforts and leadership.

My congratulations and thanks also to Dr. Matte. He has worked long and hard in organizing this Conference, bringing it to Canada for the first time since the Association's formation 109 years ago.

I am particularly pleased that the Province of Québec is represented by the Honourable Jacques-Yvan Morin, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. We share a common background as former professors of law and as members of long standing of the Canadian Branch of the International Law Association.

It is a matter of profound regret that the Mayor of this great and hospitable city of Montreal is unable to be with us here today. Through his representative, Mr. Cohen, I would like to express sincere wishes for an early recovery from his recent illness.

The presence of so many distinguished jurists and scholars from all over the world demonstrates the high esteem in which the Association is held. To them I say, your participation underlines the vital role the Association has played and will continue to play in promoting respect for and the development of international Law. With so much