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28th Annual Conference of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP)

On 24 September 2023, the Crown Prosecution Service of England and Wales hosted the 28th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) in London, United Kingdom. The 4-day event gathered more than 400 legal professionals and experts from across the globe to address the dynamic challenges posed by the evolving nature of crime.

In attendance was the The Honourable Attorney General, Dato Seri Paduka Haji Ahmad bin Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Di-Raja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa together with prosecutors from the Attorney-General's Chambers Brunei Darussalam.

The IAP stands as the world's singular global association for prosecutors. Comprising over 170 organisational members, including prosecutor associations, prosecution authorities, and crime prevention agencies, the IAP represents the collective voice of more than 250,000 prosecutors worldwide. Established on June 6, 1995, at the United Nations Office in Vienna, the IAP is committed to promoting justice and the rule of law by enhancing the quality, independence and effectiveness of prosecution services worldwide.

Under the overarching theme "The Changing Nature of Crime in the 21st Century: Challenges and Responses" the conference provides a unique platform for legal experts from diverse jurisdictions to explore pragmatic, effective, and constructive approaches to address shared challenges. It is an opportunity to gain insights into preventing criminals from exploiting differences in legal systems, practices, and procedures to evade justice.

During the prestigious event, The Right Honourable Attorney General for England and Wales, Victoria Prentis KC MP, warmly welcomed The Honourable Attorney General in a

courtesy call at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre where they discussed on recent legal developments and capacity building opportunities. Both countries have a close working relationship because of their common legal heritage.

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