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Short report on ICJ meeting in Caracas

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The Hon Justice Michael Kirby CMG

At a meeting of the International Commission of Jurists in Caracas, Venezuela in January 1989, the Australian Commissioner, Justice Michael Kirby (President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal) was elected to the Executive Committee of that Commission. The Committee which comprises seven Commissioners meets twice yearly at ICJ headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Justice Kirby is the first Australian Commissioner to be elected to the Executive Committee in the thirty year history of the ICJ. It has also been announced that Justice Kirby has been appointed to the Global Commission of AIDS of the World Health Organisation. This twenty member body will advise WHO on strategies for dealing with the AIDS epidemic. Other members include Judge Kéba Mbaye, a Vice-President of the International Court of Justice, and Professors Robert Gallo and Luc Montagnier, the scientists who first isolated the virus (HIV) which causes AIDS.