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DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1: Monday, 27 November 2017

9:00–9:15

WELCOMING REMARKS

9:15 – 10:30

OPENING REMARKS

10:30–10:45

Official Photograph and Coffee Break

10:45–13:00

1. Addressing the Drivers and Root Causes of Violent Extremism and Mass Atrocities and Identifying Successful Strategies for De-radicalization *(including an historical context of extremism and its manifestations in different situations)*

- *Totalitarian approach to religious beliefs and interpretations aligned to canons of the Middle Ages, combined with political and financial support from State and Non State Actors capable of forming and mobilizing extremist groups and committing mass-atrocity crimes*

- *Marginalization and discrimination, poor governance, violation of human rights – including women’s rights – and the Rule of Law, impunity etc.*
- *Unresolved situations of armed conflict, within which totalitarian extremists find a fertile terrain for recruitment (driven by trauma experience, sense of victimhood, anger, grievance and a strong sense of injustice)*
- *Radicalization in prisons and other deficiencies of States’ response to crime*
- *Lack of or limited socio-economic opportunities, education, social cohesion, etc.*
- *De-radicalization strategies and counter-narratives on violent extremism via the Internet: In particular, is the use of social media a “driver” of violent extremism as “propaganda” has been a “driver” for other totalitarian ideologies?*
- *Building national architectures for the prevention of atrocities – a long-term internal capacity-building approach to be supported by political will*
- *Building mechanisms to detect and alert to warning signs of atrocities and what can be done by parliamentarians: Responding to hate speech, justice deficits, governance issues, improving social inclusion, etc.*

Open discussion among all participants

13:00–14:30 Lunch Break

14:30–16:00 **2. Halting the Proliferation of Conventional Arms to Violent Extremists and Halting the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction**

- *Improving domestic firearms legislation, and implementation and enforcement of relevant regional and international treaties and instruments*
- *Acts of violent extremism and atrocities are committed by usage of a wide range of illegally obtained conventional arms and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs): global priority to mitigate and eradicate this illicit trade*
- *Enhanced cooperation, coordination and investment in security and intelligence at the regional level and implementation of relevant regional conventions*
- *Improved implementation of the UN Programme of Action Addressing the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons, the International Tracing Instrument, the UN Firearms Protocol and the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT): The ATT articulates prevention of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes as a criteria in determining whether arms covered by it should be approved for export by a State Party*
- *Non State Actors and Groups, including ISIS and Boko Haram, have taken steps to develop, manufacture and use WMDs: Hence, the imperative to revitalize efforts to ensure adequate enforcement of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) that obliges UN Member States to prevent proliferation of WMDs to Non State Actors and Groups, as supplemented by Resolution 2325 (2016) that recognizes role of Parliamentarians in this process*
- *Improved implementation of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC), the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and other relevant conventions, as stated in operative paragraph 8 of UNSC Resolution 1540 (2004): A central strategy seeking to prevent use, development, manufacture of WMDs*

Open discussion among all participants

16:00–16:20 Coffee Break

16:20–17:50 **3. Ending Impunity for Violent Extremists and Perpetrators of Mass Atrocities: Ensuring Access to Justice for Victims**

- *Role of the ICC: its universality, implementation and effective application; role of national jurisdictions, other mechanisms to secure accountability (e.g. for Syria’s atrocities), reparations and other forms of victim-centered justice*
- *Role of parliamentarians and other actors in dealing with the past, reparative/ restorative justice, reconciliation, healing and resilience*
- *The imperative to affirm guarantees of non-repetition of mass-atrocities: “Never Again/Nunca Mas”*

Plenary discussion

20:00–22:00 **2017 Defender of Democracy Award Ceremony and Dinner**

Day 2: Tuesday, 28 November 2017

9:15–10:45

4. Ensuring that Counter-Terrorism Policies and Regulations Respect Human Rights

(Including the right to life and its impact on the progressive abolition of the death penalty)

- *Delivering proportionate law enforcement and security response in full respect of human rights, under the Rule of Law, to address the acts by violent extremists to prevent further deepening of the victimhood's complex that can be used as a part of propaganda to recruit new members*
- *Preventing recruitment of foreign fighters and ensuring an adequate criminal justice response to foreign fighters in national jurisdictions and in framework of international and regional organizations, such as the European Union, ASEAN, the AU, the OSCE and the Commonwealth*

Plenary discussion

10:45–11:00

Coffee Break

11:00–13:00

5. Role of Parliamentarians in Defending Civic Participation to Counter the Rise of Violent Extremism and Prevent Mass Atrocities

(Consideration of the issue of the shrinking space for civil society with particular reference to growing restrictions on foreign funding of human rights activism, freedom of expression and assembly)

Good practices of States working with civil society organizations on preventing violent extremism and mass atrocities

Importance of opposition parties and civil society participation to maintaining a healthy democracy

Plenary discussion

13:00–14:15

Lunch Break

14:15–15:45

6. Exchanging Best Practices and Policies to Protect the Rights of Minorities and Vulnerable Groups, Including Women, Children and LGBTI Persons

- *Ending forced marriage and enslavement of women and children: a crime against humanity to be halted and prevented through judicial and non-judicial means, including rehabilitation of enslaved and indoctrinated children, as well as support for law enforcement operations to liberate slaves*
- *International law and constitutional guarantees for human rights protection and promotion, including equality and non-discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, their effective implementation and relevant educational campaigns*
- *Role of the security sector in protecting the rights of minorities and preventing atrocities*

Chair:

Ms. Lia Quartapelle MP (Italy), Chairperson, PGA National Group

Panel:

Hon. Vian Dakhil MP (Iraq), PGA Member (*only Yazidi woman in the Iraqi Parliament*)

[Representative of Civil Society Organization (*with expertise on non-discrimination*)]

Dip. Ronny Monge Salas (Costa Rica), Secretary of the Special Committee on Security and Narcotics, Vice-President of the Commission of Full Legislative Powers; *Co-Convenor, Gender, Equality and Population Programme, PGA*

Ms. Petra Bayr, MP (Austria), Chairperson, International Development Committee; *Board Member and Treasurer, PGA*

Prof. Dr. Cristina Messa, Rettore Magnifico, Università degli Studi Bicocca - Milano (*reporting on the projects managed by Università Bicocca for Yazidi women and girls in Northern Iraq and in Milan*)

Plenary discussion

15:45 –17:30

7. Taking Action to Address Violent Extremism and Mass Atrocities: the Role of Parliamentarians

(Dialogue and conflict prevention; strengthening good governance, human rights and the rule of law; engaging communities; empowering youth; gender equality and empowering women; education; rehabilitation and reinsertion in society of enslaved children; communications, the internet and social media)

*Plenary discussion concerning the action-oriented outcome document of the Forum, the **Milan Plan of Action on the Prevention of Violent Extremism and Mass Atrocity Crimes** and, as appropriate, its adoption*