



Parliamentarians for Global Action

PGA UN NEWSLETTER

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1. 10th ASP of the International Criminal Court – United Nations – 13-21 December 2011

Although the ICC is not part of the UN system, the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC regularly holds its meetings at the United Nations to facilitate participation by as many ICC States Parties as possible.

During the course of the 10th ASP of the ICC, a new Prosecutor was elected, to take up her position in June 2012 (the current Deputy Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda of The Gambia) and Six New Judges were also elected to the Court – from the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago, the Dominican Republic, Czech Republic, Nigeria and the United Kingdom. This was also the first ASP meetings of the ICC in which the new President of the ASP, Ambassador Intelmann of Estonia presided. Also during the course of the ASP ICC, and as the only parliamentary representative, PGA Member Hon. Kulasegaran MP (Malaysia) made a presentation to the ASP on behalf of PGA and the Non-Governmental Community.

Further and more detailed information on the 10th ASP of the ICC may be viewed at:

<http://www.icc-cpi.int/Menu/ASP/>

PGA organized a successful set of Strategic Consultations on the Role of Organizations in enhancing Law Enforcement and State Cooperation with the ICC

<http://www.pgaction.org/uploadedfiles/PGA%20Consultations%20on%20Cooperation%20ASP%20X%2016%20Dec%202011%20LEAFLET.pdf>

PGA also participated in a Side Event on the Crime of Aggression

<http://www.pgaction.org/uploadedfiles/ASP%20X%20Flyer%20Side%20Event%20Crime%20of%20Aggression.pdf>

2. a. Second Inter-sessional Meeting of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development – United Nations – 16-17 December, 2011

This was the final session to discuss substantive issues in advance of the Rio +20 meetings in Brazil in 2012.

<http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/content/documents/368Summary%20of%20the%20Intersessional%20meetingFINAL.pdf>

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b. On 29th December 2011, PGA Member Senator Loren Legarda (Philippines) – Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate of the Philippines observed that disaster risk awareness is key to preventing casualties, in her capacity as Disaster Risk Reduction Champion for the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR).

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=40856&Cr=philippines&Cr1=>

3. United Nations Secretary-General appoints PGA Secretary-General Shazia Rafi to UNDEF Advisory Board for 2012 -2013

In an important boost to the profile of PGA and its work, PGA Secretary-General Shazia Rafi has recently been appointed by UNSG Ban Ki Moon to the UNDEF Advisory Board

http://www.un.org/democracyfund/About_Us/about_us_page_advisoryboard.html

and

<http://www.pgaction.org/uploadedfiles/PGA%20SG%20Appointed%20to%20UNDEF%20Advisory%20Board.pdf>