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**International Parliamentary Conference on Justice and Peace in
the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Great Lakes Region and
Central Africa**

Thursday, 10 to Saturday, 12 December 2009

*Palais du Peuple, Seat of the Parliament of the DRC, Commune of Lingwala,
Kinshasa, DRC*

Day 1 – Thursday, December 10, 2009

« International Human Rights Day »

- 13:00h Arrival and inscription of the participants
- 13:15h Arrival of the Deputies and Senators
- 13:30h Arrival of the Guests
- 13:45h Arrival of the Ministers
- 13:55h Arrival of the President of the National Assembly
- 14:00h Opening Session

*Moderator: Sen. **MWAMBA MUSHIKONKE Mwamus**, Vice President of the Political, Administrative and Legal Commission of the Senate / President of the National Group PGA-RDC (as of January 1, 2010), RDC*

- National Anthem (Débout congolais)

- Introduction of Guests

- Opening Remarks by the President of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Congo - **H.E. Dep. Evariste BOSHP**

- Inaugural Intervention by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Gender, Child and Family of the Democratic Republic of Congo – **Mme. Jacqueline LUFULU**

- Inaugural Intervention by the Minister of Justice of the Democratic Republic of Congo – **H.E. Dr. Luzolo Bambi LESSA**

- Inaugural Intervention by the Representative of the Delegation of the European Union in the Democratic Republic of Congo - **Mr. Joao DUARTE DE CARVALHO**

- Inaugural Intervention of the Assistant Director of UN-MONUC-OHCHR Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights – **Mr. Louis-Marie BOUAKA**

15:15h «Key-Note Address» by **H.E. Judge Sang-Hyun SONG** – President of the International Criminal Court

15:30h Session of Questions & Answers with the President of the ICC

16:15h End of day 1 after a brief presentation of the upcoming program activities, followed by a cocktail

Day 2 – Friday, December 11, 2009

09:00h Arrival of Participants

PANEL I

«The role of Justice in the establishment of Peace and the Rule of Law in post-conflict: A look at the countries of the Great Lakes Region and Central Africa»

Moderator: Hon. Deputy Delly SESSANGA, President of the Political, Administrative and Legal Commission of the National Assembly

09:30h Justice for peace: accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in US foreign policy – **H.E. Ambassador Stephen RAPP**, *Ambassador-at-large for War Crimes Issues, Department of State, United States*

09:40h Justice for peace: the EU policies towards the African Great Lakes region – **Mr. Jean-Michel DUMONT**, *Political Advisor to the European Union Special Representative for the Great Lakes Region, Council of the EU*

09:50h The various mechanisms of reconstruction in conflict and post-conflict situations – **Hon. Benjamin BOUNKOULOU**, *Senator Republic of Congo, Vice President of the Senate*

10:00h The problem of the proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in securing and developing a State in conflict or post-conflict and how to prevent the cycle of violence-impunity – **Dep. Dieu Donné UPIRA**, *MP RDC*

10:10h International Cooperation (including international cooperation for development) and the fight against international crimes – **Dep. Claude JANIAC**, *MP Switzerland, former Speaker of the National Assembly*

- 10:20h Debate
- 11:15h Coffee Break

PANEL II

«Violence against the civil population, especially women and children – its impact on society and the need to give reparations to victims, particularly through individual and collective programs of rehabilitation»

Moderator: Dep. Jackeline RUMBU, Gender Advisor of the Minister of Gender, Child and Family, RDC

- 11:45h Sexual violence as a weapon of war in DRC – **Ms. Jaynet KABILA**, *President of the Foundation Laurent-Désiré KABILA and Coordinator of the Initiative « Women for Peace in the Great Lakes Region »*
- 11:55h Resolution 1325 of the United Nations on Women, Peace and Security: State of its effective implementation in the DRC, obstacles and remedies - **Ms. Irène ESAMBO**, *President CJR 1325 (Research Centre “Action on Justice of Resolution 1325”)*
- 12:05h The principles and rules of international and national law on the fight against sexual violence and the need to raise the minimum standard of protection - **Hon. Catherine MABOBORI**, *MP Burundi*
- 12:15h The legal basis for an effective fight against sexual violence - **Ms. Claudine TSHONGO MBALAMYA**, *Coordinator, Dynamics of Women Lawyers of Goma (DFJ)*
- 12:25h Legal, administrative and political measures for the fight against impunity and sexual violence against women and children of the authorities of the decentralized entities – **Hon. Gilbert KALINDA**, *Rapporteur of the Bureau of the Provincial Assembly of North-Kivu*
- 12:35h Debate
- 13:15h Lunch

PANEL III

«The fight against impunity in the process of peace and reconciliation and the role of the International Criminal Court (ICC) »

Moderator: Sen. MULAILA THENGA BANDZUH, Rapporteur of the Commission Defense, Security and Border Inspection / Chairman of the Group of the Province of Maniema in the Senate of the RDC

- 14:30h Effectiveness and individual criminal responsibility : The challenges to arrest, extradite and bring to justice suspects of international crimes wanted by the ICC and national courts - **Dep. Dick MARTY**, *MP Switzerland, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*

- 14:40h Impact of the ICC and other justice mechanisms for the stabilization of the African Great Lakes Region: the case of Uganda - **Hon. Rebecca KADAGA**, MP, *Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Uganda*
- 14:50h The deterrent effect of the ICC and its impact on peace, stability and democracy: The case of Kenya – **Hon. David A. WERE**, MP *Kenya*
- 15:00h The role of victims in a process of reconciliation and their right for reparations: The case of Chad – **Hon. Jules MBOIGOTO TATOLOUMEL**, MP *Chad, President of the Committee for Legal Affairs*
- 15:10h Debate
- 16:00h End of day 2 followed by a snack

Day 3 – Saturday, December 12, 2009
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09:30h Arrival of Participants

PANEL IV

«The law implementing the Rome Statute and the cooperation with the International Criminal Court – Review and Outlook»

Moderator: Sen. Alain DESTEXHE, Belgium

- 10:00h The current status of the law implementing the Rome Statute in the DRC, obstacles and possible solutions - **Hon. Emmanuel ADUBANGO ALI**, MP *RDC, President of the National Group PGA-DRC*
- 10:10h various aspects concerning the implementation of the Rome Statute into national law - **Dr. David DONAT CATTIN**, *Director of the International Law and Human Rights Programme of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)*
- The ICC and the efforts of national Courts to apply the principle of complementarity (criteria for the exercise of national jurisdiction)
 - Freezing and seizing assets of suspects
 - Measures to protect vulnerable victims
 - Trials *in situ* of the ICC in the countries of the African Great Lakes
- 10:20h National reparation programs for victims of crimes committed in conflict and post-conflict situations: implementation and sustainability – **Ms. Anne ALTHAUS**, *Jurist in the Department of Reparation Programmes of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM)*.
- 10:30h The challenges of abolishing the death penalty for a sustainable and an effective implementation of the Rome Statute in the DRC - **Hon. Prof. NYABIRUNGU MWENE SONGA**, MP *DRC*

- 10:40h Debate
- 11:30h Coffee Break
- 12:00h Closing Session:
- Arrival of the 1st Vice-President of the Senate
- Adoption of the Resolutions
- Sen. Léonard SHE OKITUNDU LUNDULA**, *Former Minister of Human Rights and Director of the Office of Head of State*
- Closing Remarks by **Sen. Alain DESTEXHE**, *Belgium*
 - Closing Remarks by **M. Edouard MOKOLO WA MPOMBO**, *1st Vice-President of the Senate of the RDC*
 - National Anthem
- 13:15h Session Photos
- 13:30h Lunch and end of day 3

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