



STATEMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION ON THE SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE

New York, June 25, 2008 - Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) welcomes the adoption by the United Nations Security Council of the Presidential Statement on the situation in Zimbabwe on June 24, 2008. In particular, PGA commends the Council for its strong and unanimous condemnation of the systematic campaign of violence by the Government of Zimbabwe against the political opposition.

PGA joins the Council in its statement that conditions no longer exist for a free and fair election to take place on June 27, 2008 and calls for the government of Zimbabwe to respect the results of the March 29, 2008 elections, including the swearing in of all members of parliament elected on that date. PGA demands that the government of Zimbabwe take all necessary measure to immediately stop the violence and intimidation by militias and armed groups.

Several members of PGA are in Zimbabwe as observers for the African Union (AU), the Southern African Development Community (SADC). PGA urges these organizations in cooperation with the United Nations to continue to stand up for the rule of law and to remain in the country until the electoral crisis is resolved through negotiations in accordance with acceptable international norms.

PGA further calls on the UN Security Council to remain seized of the matter as the crisis in Zimbabwe is rapidly developing into a threat to peace and security in Southern Africa.