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“Support for the International Criminal Court: Say No to impunity for international crimes and Yes to reparation for victims”

Anteroom of the Senate, Oriental Republic of Uruguay

We, the members of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) who participated in the Parliamentary Seminar "Support for the International Criminal Court: Say No to impunity for international crimes and Yes to reparation for victims", following the discussions held in the Senate of Oriental Republic of Uruguay, on 28 and 29 September 2016:

Expressing our sincere appreciation to the Senate of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay for the successful organization of this Parliamentary Seminar for the Latin American region;

Recalling that Parliamentarians for Global Action is a group driven by action and result-oriented, consisting of over 1,200 parliamentarians from 142 countries from all regions of the world;

Recalling also the importance for the international community to benefit from the existence and operation of a permanent court, independent and effective to punish, and therefore prevent the most serious crimes under international law: genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression;

Noting the deterrent effect, real and potential, that the International Criminal Court has by virtue of its jurisdiction and very existence, on the commission of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide;

Recognizing that victims have the right to access to justice, to know the truth and make it publicly known, to participate in the proceedings, to obtain adequate compensation, to be treated with dignity and respect and receive guarantees of non-repetition of the atrocities from the competent authorities and the parties;

Recognizing also that the international community continues to face serious abuses and violations of human rights and international humanitarian law in the different regions of the world, as well as the failure of the rule of law within several national frameworks;

Accepting that continued inaction or delayed action by the international community and some national governments in seeking to address this tragic reality is inexcusable and also is a serious attack on humanity itself;

Noting that impunity for the perpetrators of atrocities only serves to increase the likelihood of committing equally horrible new crimes, and that, in fact, it may lead to a further escalation of violence resulting in the recurrence of internal or international armed conflicts; and the need to implement regulations consistent with customary law;

Appreciating the vital work done by us, Parliamentarians, in different ways, to enhance the universality and effectiveness of the ICC, to solidify and consolidate the cause of international justice and the establishment or re-establishment, depending on the case, the rule of law;

We pledge to use our legislative prerogatives and policies to advance the goals we have set ourselves in our countries:

Argentina

- Request the government to sign cooperation agreements with the International Criminal Court.
- Participate in the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the rule of law.
- Promote Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
- Promote signing of the Permanent Declaration entitled International Initiative for the opening of negotiations on a Multilateral Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition in the Local Prosecution of Atrocious Crimes (crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes).

Bolivia

- Request the government to introduce the Kampala Amendments ratification bill to Congress.
- Request the government to send the Rome Statute implementation bill concerning international crimes, general principles of international criminal law and Kampala Amendments.
- Request the government to send the bill introducing cooperation mechanisms necessary to cooperate effectively with the International Criminal Court.
- Participate in the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the rule of law.
- Promote Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
- Promote the signing of the Permanent Declaration entitled International Initiative for the opening of negotiations on a Multilateral Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition in the Local Prosecution of Atrocious Crimes (crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes).

Brazil

- Request the government to introduce the Kampala Amendments ratification and implementation bill to Congress.
- Promote the adoption of the Rome Statute implementation bill, which is currently at the Chamber of Deputies.
- Promote the adoption of the cooperation bill with the International Criminal Court, which is currently at the Chamber of Deputies.
- Participate in the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the rule of law.
- Promote Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
- Promote signing of the Permanent Declaration entitled International Initiative for the opening of negotiations on a Multilateral Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition in the Local Prosecution of Atrocious Crimes (crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes).

Costa Rica

- Promote the adoption of a bill to ensure the full implementation of the Rome Statute in relation to international crimes, general principles of international criminal law.
- Promote the adoption of the bill introduced in 2014 on cooperation with the International Criminal Court.

- Participate in the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the rule of law.
- Promote Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
- Promote signing of the Permanent Declaration entitled International Initiative for the opening of negotiations on a Multilateral Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition in the Local Prosecution of Atrocious Crimes (crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes).

El Salvador

- Promote the adoption of the draft on cooperation with the International Criminal Court which is currently at the Committee of Foreign Affairs.
- Participate in the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the rule of law.
- Promote Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
- Promote the signing of the Permanent Declaration entitled International Initiative for the opening of negotiations on a Multilateral Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition in the Local Prosecution of Atrocious Crimes (crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes).

Guatemala

- Request the government to introduce the APIC accession bill to Congress.
- Request the government to introduce the Kampala Amendments ratification bill to Congress.
- Promote the adoption of a bill fully implementing the Rome Statute in relation to international crimes, general principles of international criminal law and Kampala Amendments.
- Participate in the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the rule of law.
- Promote Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
- Promote the signing of the Permanent Declaration entitled International Initiative for the opening of negotiations on a Multilateral Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition in the Local Prosecution of Atrocious Crimes (crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes).

Honduras

- Ask the government to review the motion presented by the General Assembly to introduce the Kampala Amendments for ratification.
- Approve the law on cooperation with the International Criminal Court.
- Introduce the crimes and the principles contained in the Rome Statute into the Criminal Code.
- Participate in the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the rule of law.
- Promote Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
- Promote signing of the Permanent Declaration entitled International Initiative for the opening of negotiations on a Multilateral Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition in the Local Prosecution of Atrocious Crimes (crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes).

Paraguay

- Promote the adoption of the Rome Statute implementation bill.
- Promote the adoption of the Kampala Amendments implementation bill, including on the crime of aggression.
- Request the government to send the Kampala Amendments ratification bill.
- Promote signing of the Voluntary Agreements on Cooperation with the ICC.

- Participate in the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the rule of law.
- Promote Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
- Promote signing of the Permanent Declaration entitled International Initiative for the opening of negotiations on a Multilateral Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition in the Local Prosecution of Atrocious Crimes (crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes).

Dominican Republic

- Request the government to introduce the Kampala Amendments ratification bill to Congress.
- Promote a bill to introduce cooperation mechanisms necessary to cooperate effectively with the International Criminal Court.
- Approve the Penal Code, which contains international crimes.
- Participate in the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the rule of law.
- Promote Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
- Promote signing of the Permanent Declaration entitled International Initiative for the opening of negotiations on a Multilateral Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition in the Local Prosecution of Atrocious Crimes (crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes).

Uruguay

- Request the government to introduce the Kampala Amendments implementation bill to Congress.
- Request the government to sign Voluntary Agreements on Cooperation with the International Criminal Court.
- Promote Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
- Promote signing of the Permanent Declaration entitled International Initiative for the opening of negotiations on a Multilateral Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition in the Local Prosecution of Atrocious Crimes (crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes).

Venezuela

- Request the government the ratification of the APIC.
- Promote the adoption of the Rome Statute implementing bill, currently under Parliamentary treatment.
- Promote the adoption of the bill on cooperation with the International Criminal Court, currently processed by the Parliament.
- Participate in the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the rule of law.
- Promote Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
- Promote signing of the Permanent Declaration entitled International Initiative for the opening of negotiations on a Multilateral Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition in the Local Prosecution of Atrocious Crimes (crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes).

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