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## **PGA's Roundtable Discussion as Side Event to the 23rd session of the CCPCJ**

### ***“Ending Impunity for International Crimes through Multilateral Interstate Cooperation”***

Hosted by the Parliament of Austria on Wednesday, 14 May, 2014, 9:30am-12:00pm, Palais Epstein, Room E1-E3

#### Opening by the Chair and Host:

- **MP Ms. Petra Bayr**, *Member of the Austrian Foreign Affairs Committee, Human Rights Committee, Finance Committee and Member of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)*

#### Welcoming Address

- **Ambassador Christian Strohal**, *Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE<sup>1</sup>*

#### Introduction of the initiative “Towards a Multilateral Treaty for Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition for Domestic Prosecution of the Most Serious International Crimes”

- **Mr. Geoffrey Eekhout**, *First Secretary, Deputy Permanent Representative Permanent Representation of Belgium to the International Institutions in The Hague*
- **Ms. Quirien van Straelen**, *Representative of the Ministry of Justice of the Kingdom of the Netherlands* and **Ms. Anne-Sophie Massa**, *Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Kingdom of the Netherlands* (author of the MLA Initiative)

#### Comments by Members of PGA, MPs:

- **Mr. Abdu Katuntu**, *MP Uganda, Vice-Chair of the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee, Vice-Chair PGA National Group Uganda*

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<sup>1</sup> Ambassador Strohal has been serving as Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN Office at Geneva since July 2008. He has held the positions of Vice-President of the Human Rights Council, President of the main Governing Bodies of the IOM and Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the OSCE. From 1994 to 2000, he was Director for Human Rights at the Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and the Austrian representative to the UN Commission on Human Rights. Ambassador Strohal received the Felix Ermacora Human Rights Award for his work in the field of Human Rights.

- **Mr. Mark Pritchard**, MP UK, Co-Convenor PGA ILHR Programme, Chair of the UK-Austrian Parliamentary Friendship Group

**Tour de Table and Interactive discussion among speakers**

**COFFEE BREAK (15min)**

Expert Opinions

- **“Cooperation to Protect Women’s Rights under the Rome Statute of the ICC”, Ms. Ilona Graenitz**, former MP and MEP, Vice-President of the Association of Former Parliamentarians of the Member States of the Council of Europe and Chairperson of the Vienna NGO Committee on the Status of Women
- **“A best practice Example: “Cooperation in fighting Transnational crimes such as Trafficking in Persons”, Ms. Eurídice Márquez Sánchez**, Regional Migrant Assistance Coordinator, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Regional Office for South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia

**Tour de Table and Interactive discussion among all participants**

Summary by the Rapporteur of the Meeting:

- **Dr. David Donat Cattin**, Secretary-General, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

Closing Remarks:

- **MP Ms. Petra Bayr**, Member of the Austrian Foreign Affairs Committee, Human Rights Committee, Finance Committee and Member of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

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