



**Consultations on the fight against impunity and the ratification of
the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court**

Mission of PGA to San Salvador, El Salvador

23-24 and 30 June and 1 July 2014

I. OBJECTIVES

- Generate political will for the fight against impunity through the ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and its implementation;
- Follow-up of the commitments made by the national authorities to promote the ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
- Share the experiences of ratification processes in Latin American countries where PGA members have had an important impact.

II. ICC –PGA DELEGATION (23-24 JUNE 2014)

1. **H.E. Judge Silvia Fernandez de Gurmendi** (Argentina), Judge of the International Criminal Court
2. **H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser** (Liechtenstein), President of the PGA UN Committee
3. **Senator Julio César Valentin** (Dominican Republic), Member of the Dominican Republic PGA national group

III. ICC –PGA DELEGATION (30 JUNE – 1 JULY 2014)

4. **Mr. Osvaldo Zavala Giler** (Ecuador), Special Assistant to the Registrar, ICC
5. **Ms. Romina Morello**, Programme Officer, International Law and Human Rights Programme, PGA, The Hague

IV. AGENDA

Monday 23 June:

Public Forum on the framework of the Study of the Bill to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) organized by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador

- 8:30 **Welcome Message and the establishment of the quorum.**
- Secretary of the Committee, Dip. Alejandrina Castro.

Implementing Legislation

- Opening Statement of the study process of the Rome Statute and its**
- President of the Legislative Assembly, Dip. Sigfrido Reyes.

- 8:45 **Jurisdiction of the ICC.**

- H.E. Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, Judge of the International Criminal Court.
- 9:30 Q&A.
- 10:00 **Crimes under the Rome Statute. Elements of the Crime.**
 - Ana Elizabeth Villalta Viscarra, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador (Crime Against Humanity and Genocide) and H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser, Former President of the Assembly of States Parties (War Crimes and Crime of Aggression)
- 10:45 Q&A
- 11:15 Coffee
- 11:30 **Law Principles under the Rome Statute.**
Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, Judge of the International Criminal Court and Senator Julio César Valentín, PGA member.
- 12:15 Q&A
- 12:45 Lunch.
- 14:30 **Investigation and trial, cooperation of the States Parties: arrest and surrender to the ICC.**
 - H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser, Former President of the Assembly of States Parties and Ana Elizabeth Villalta Viscarra, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador.
- 15:15 Q&A
- 15:45 **Closing Remarks.**
 - Rapporteur of the Committee, Dip. César García Aguilera.
- 19:30 **Working Dinner** with Ministers, Parliamentarians, Supreme Court Judges and Attorney General (Anthropology Museum)

Tuesday 24 June:

- 6:20 Interview of Judge Fernandez de Gurmendi in national television
- 8:30 Bilateral meeting of Judge Fernandez and the President of the Legislative Assembly, Dip. Sigfrido Reyes.

Monday 30 June:

Public Forum on the framework of the Study of the Bill to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the Bill to adopt an Special Law to Implement the Rome Statute specifically on Cooperation and Judicial Assistance organized by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador

- 8:00 - 8:30 Registration

8:30- 8:45 **Welcome Message and the establishment of the quorum.**
▪ President of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Dip. Karina Sosa

Opening Statement

▪ President of the Legislative Assembly, Dip. Sigfrido Reyes.

8:45 -- 9:30 **Obligation and Necessity to set a cooperation mechanism in the national legislation. Comparative study of other national legislations.**

Mr. Osvaldo Zavala, Special Assistant to the Registrar, ICC

Ms. Romina Morello, Programme Officer, International Law and Human Rights Programme, Parliamentarians for Global Action

9:30 - 10:00 Q&A

10:00 a 10:45 **Explanation of the Bill to adopt an Special Law to Implement the Rome Statute on Cooperation and Judicial Assistance with the ICC**

Ing. Hugo Roger Martínez Bonilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

10:45 a 11:15 Q&A

11:15 a 11:30 **Closing Remarks.**

▪ President of the Committee, Dip. Karina Sosa

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12:00 Working Lunch with the Parliamentary Legal Advisors

- o Dr. Armando Pineda, Director of Legislative Operations
- o Lic. Jorge Oswaldo Estrada, Chief of the Technical Assistance Unit of the Legislative Assembly
- o Lic. Andrés Alejandro Amador, Technical Assistant of the Foreign Affairs Committee.
- o Lic. Manuel Antonio Nuñez, Technical Assistant of the Human Rights and Justice Committee
- o Licda. Lydia Elizabeth Carranza, Technical Assistant of the Culture and Education Committee
- o Lic. Enrique Arturo Velásquez Medrano, Technical Assistant of the City Hall Affairs Committee
- o Lic. Francisco Morán, Technical Assistant of the Economy City Committee
- o Lic. Noel Orellana, Technical Assistant of the Finance and Budget Committee
- o Licda. Elisa Olmedo, Technical Assistant of the Defense Committee
- o Lic. Iván Rosales, Chief of the International Relations and Diplomacy Unit of the Legislative Assembly.
- o Lic. Eduardo Calix, Director of Protocol of the Legislative Assembly (Former Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs).

Bilateral Meetings with Parliamentarians

15:00 Dip. Norma Guevara – Coordinator of the Parliamentary Group Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN)

16:00 Dip. Margarita Escobar – Parliamentary Group Alianza Republicana Nacionalista (ARENA)

17:00 Dip. Francisco Zablah – Seventh Secretary of the Bureau of the Legislative Assembly, Parliamentary Group Gran Alianza Nacional (GANAN)

Tuesday 1 July:

6:30 Interview of ICC –PGA Delegation in national television

Bilateral Meetings with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Parliamentarians

9:00 Vice- Minister of Foreign Affairs, Carlos Castaneda, y staff in charge of the ICC and Cooperation dossiers

11:00 Dip. Roberto Angulo, Coordinator of the Parliamentary Group Partido de Concertación Nacional (PCN) and Maritza Ramírez, Legal Assistant of PCN

12:00 Dip. Douglas Avilés – Coordinator of the Parliamentary Group Cambio Democrático (CD) and Dip. Bertha de Rodríguez

14:30 Dip. Sigfrido Reyes - Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador (FMLN).

15:30 Lic. Luis Guillermo Wellman – Legal Advisor of the Parliamentary Group Alianza Republicana Nacionalista (ARENA).

16:30 Dip. Rodolfo Parker – Coordinator of the Parliamentary Group Partido Democracia Cristiana (PDC)

About PGA

Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) is the largest transnational network of Members of Parliaments from all regions of the world who, in their individual capacity, support the effective operation of the ICC and domestic jurisdictions to end impunity.

Members of PGA have contributed to 76 of the 122 ratifications or accession to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC). PGA is a member of the Steering Committee of the Coalition for the ICC. The PGA Campaign for the Universality and Effectiveness of the Rome Statute system receives support from the European Commission, the Governments of The Netherlands, Switzerland, Estonia and Liechtenstein, as well as from Humanity United.

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