

**PGA High-Level Roundtable Discussion and Strategy Meeting on the
1 for 7 Billion Campaign**

Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations
633 Third Avenue, 27th Floor, New York

June 1st, 2015 from 9:30 to 12:30pm
Followed by a light luncheon

I. Objectives

According to PGA's vision *to contribute to the creation of a rules-based international order for a more equitable, safe and democratic world*, its over 1,100 member parliamentarians around the world are also deeply committed to an open, transparent, accountable and effective United Nations. In line with PGA's ICC Campaign, PGA also believes that a more transparent and merit-based procedure for the selection of the new UNSG can help to ensure that the next UNSG has a strong understanding and personal commitment for the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes of international concern. Therefore, the specific objectives of this meeting are:

1. Sensitization of Legislators from all regions of the world on the relationship between a highly competent Secretary-General and peace and security worldwide
2. To create an opportunity for dialogue, awareness-building, cooperation and partnership among all relevant stakeholders
3. Sharing of the formal set of criteria and qualifications developed and suggested to the UN for the search of the next UNSG.

II. Expected Outcomes

1. Increased understanding and awareness among legislators about the UN system, including understanding and awareness of the strategic potential for increased involvement of Members of Parliaments as representatives of civil society at the UN
2. Country-specific impact of the concrete actions by MPs at national (or regional) level to encourage and generate their Governments' leadership to bring their best possible candidates forward for the position as Secretary General
3. Identification of concrete strategies and follow-up actions for Parliamentarians to increase and maximize the potential of cooperation between the UN and parliaments worldwide.
4. Ensure through parliamentary advocacy that governments from all regions bring forward their best female and male candidates to be presented to the UNSC as possible next UNSG and call for an open and transparent selection process.

III. Program

9:30am

Introduction

Welcoming remarks by the **Chair of the PGA UN Committee Amb. Christian Wenaweser**, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations

9:45am

Strategic Session with UN Experts and Leaders of the “1 for 7 Billion Campaign”

Presentations:

Mr. Bill Pace, Executive Director, World Federalist Movement and Convenor of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court

H.E. Amb. Mr. Juan Carlos Mendoza García, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN (Facilitator Action for Cooperation against Trafficking in Persons/1for7 Billion)

H.E. Amb. Ms. Minna-Liina Lind, Deputy Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations (Co-Cordinator of the ACT Group on the 1for7Billion Campaign)

Commentaries:

Professor Jennifer Trahan, Associate Clinical Professor of International Law and Global Affairs, New York University

Mr. Tomas Anker Christensen, Chef de Cabinet to Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, MP Denmark, PGA Member and incoming President of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly

10:45am

Coffee Break/Networking with friends and partners of PGA

11:00am

Debate and proposals for parliamentary action within the framework of the “1 for 7 Billion Campaign”

Open Discussion among all participants chaired by Dip. Minou Tavaréz Mirabal, PGA President

Presentation of the Draft Parliamentary Question/Motion supporting 1for7Billion Campaign by Dr. David Donat Cattin, PGA Secretary-General

12:30pm

End of the meeting, a light luncheon will be served

IV. Invited Participants

Confirmed Members of Parliament from PGA Executive Committee

Dip. Ms. Minou Tavaréz Mirabal, Dominican Republic, PGA President

Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, MP, Sweden, PGA Treasurer

Hon. Dr. Pindi Chana, MP, Tanzania; Deputy Minister of Community Development, Gender and Children; Chair of the PGA International Council

Dip. Margarita Stolbizer, Argentina, Programme Co-Convenor, Peace and Democracy

Ms. Petra Bayr, MP, Austria, Programme Co-Convenor, Gender, Equality and Population

Ms. Barbara Lochbihler, MEP (Germany), European Parliament, Programme Co-Convenor, International Law and Human Rights

Hon. Irene Torshie Addo, MP, Ghana, Programme Deputy Convenor, Gender, Equality and Population

Sen. Jim Walsh, Ireland, Programme Deputy Convenor, Peace and Democracy

Hon. Syed Naveed Qamar, MP, Pakistan, Programme Co-Convenor, Peace and Democracy

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Sri Lanka, Programme Deputy Convenor, Peace and Democracy

Mr. Hugo Jabini, MP, Suriname, Programme Deputy Convenor, Gender, Equality and Population

Dr. Yusuf Ziya Irbec, MP, Turkey, Programme Deputy Convenor, International Law and Human Rights

Hon. Stephen Tashobya, MP, Uganda, Programme Deputy Convenor, International Law and Human Rights

Dip. Bertha Sanseverino, Uruguay, Programme Co-Convenor, Gender, Equality and Population

Selected Participants from Governments, Intergovernmental Organizations & Non-Governmental Organizations

H.E. Amb. Mr. Juan Carlos Mendoza García, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN

Professor Jennifer Trahan, Associate Clinical Professor of Global Affairs, New York University

Mr. Tomas Anker Christensen, Chef de Cabinet to incoming President of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly

Ms. Yvonne Terlingen, Institute for Global Policy, Former Head of Amnesty International's United Nations Office

Mr. Bill Pace, Executive Director, World Federalist Movement and Convenor of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court

PGA Secretariat

Dr. David Donat Cattin (Italy), Secretary-General

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Ms. Holly Sarkissian (USA), Development Officer

Mr. Robert Falay (DR Congo), Program Associate, Peace and Democracy Programme

Mr. Thiago Carvalho (Brazil/ Portugal), Executive Officer

Mr. Brian Kett (USA), Membership and Communications Officer

Ms. Melissa Verpile (Haiti), Project Assistant, International Law and Human Rights Programme

MISSION STATEMENT OF PGA

VISION

To contribute to the creation of a rules-based international order for a more equitable, safe and democratic world.

MISSION

PGA, a non-profit, non-partisan international network of committed legislators, informs and mobilizes parliamentarians in all regions of the world to advocate for human rights and the rule of law, democracy, human security, non-discrimination and gender equality.

STRATEGY

PGA brings together parliamentarians with key stakeholders, including civil society and international organizations, across sectors; equips legislators with relevant knowledge and expertise; and achieves immediate impact and longer-term national implementation on programs and initiatives in support of the mission.

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- Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland
- Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN
- U.K Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- U.S. State Department Global Equality Fund

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