



PGA'S 37TH ANNUAL PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS IN SUPPORT OF PEACE AND SECURITY

San Salvador, El Salvador

30th November, 2015 – 1st December, 2015

PROGRAMME

Day 1: Improving Universality and Strengthening National Implementation of The Arms Trade Treaty

30th November, 2015

For further information on the Programme of the 37th PGA Annual Forum, please contact:

Monday, 30th November, 2015

8:30am

Registration

9:00am

Inaugural Session: The Role of Parliamentarians in Support of Peace and Security

Hon. Minou Tavárez Mirabal, MP (Dominican Republic), President of PGA

Hon. Lorena Peña Mendoza, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador

Hon. Salvador Sánchez Cerén, President of the Republic of El Salvador

**Opening Session: Addressing the Root Causes and Consequences of Gun Violence –
Addressing the Illicit Trade in Arms and Promoting Human Rights**

Hon. Margarita Stolbizer, MP (Argentina), Co-Convenor of PGA Peace & Democracy Programme

Hon. Naveed Qamar, MP (Pakistan), Co-Convenor of PGA Peace & Democracy Programme - Former Minister of Defense of Pakistan

Ambassador Jaume Segura Socías, Head of Delegation of the European Union to El Salvador

Interactive Dialogue

10:15am

Coffee Break

10:30am

Session 1: Introduction to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) - Overview and Impact on International and Regional Peace and Security

Primary Goals/Objectives of the ATT | Global Status of ATT Ratification and Implementation | Impact on International and Regional Peace and Security

Joint Presentation BY Hon. Barbara Lochbihler Member of European Parliament (MEP) (Germany), PGA Executive Committee Member and Hon. Helmut Scholz, Member of European Parliament (MEP) (Germany), Chair of PGA Group in European Parliament

Hon. R A M Obaidul Muktadir Chowdhury MP (Bangladesh), PGA Member

Hon. Jaime Trobo, MP (Uruguay), PGA Member

Chair/Moderator: *Hon. Dip. Lorenzo Rivas Echeverría, member PGA National Group in El Salvador (GANA)*

Interactive Dialogue

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11:15am

Session 2: Securing Ratification and Implementation of ATT, with specific focus on Latin America - Achievements, Remaining Challenges and The Role of Parliamentarians

Analysis of Status of ATT | Main Obstacles to ATT Ratification | How Parliamentarians can contribute in generating a wider support/participation by countries *not yet party*

Hon. Dr. Marvin Atencio MP (Costa Rica), PGA Member

Hon. Yonhy Lescano MP (Peru), PGA Member

Hon. Dip. Victor Bisono MP (Dominican Republic), PGA Member

Hon. Jean Wyllys MP (Brazil), PGA Member

Ms. Amanda Cowl – Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) (Peru)

Chair/Moderator: Hon. Julio César Fabián, Chair of the Justice and Human Rights Committee and member of PGA National Group in El Salvador (ARENA)

Interactive Dialogue

12:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm

Session 3: Comparative Analysis of Different National Processes Leading to Ratification of ATT – Lessons to be learned from States Parties

Discussion of trajectory/steps taken | Sharing/Distribution of implementing legislation/legislation allowing for ratification | Recommendations

Hon. Su'a William Sio MP (New Zealand), Member of PGA International Council

Hon. Petra Bayr MP (Austria), Member of PGA Executive Committee

Hon. Claude Kamanda, MP (Sierra Leone), Member of PGA International Council

Hon. Margareta Cederfelt, MP (Sweden), Member of PGA Executive Committee and Treasurer of PGA

Chair/Moderator: Hon. M. Kulasegaran MP (Malaysia), Secretary of PGA National Group

Interactive Dialogue

2:30pm

Session 4: Arms Proliferation and Gang violence in Latin America: Relevance of ATT

Hon. Roger Balandino Nerio, MP (El Salvador)

Hon. Rodrigo Ávila Ávilés, MP (El Salvador)

Hon. Jorge Cálix, MP (Honduras), PGA Member

Hon. Ernesto Edgar Herrera, MP (Guatemala), PGA Member

Chair/Moderator: Hon. Reynaldo Cardoza, member of PGA National Group in El Salvador (PCN)

Interactive Dialogue

3:30pm

Coffee Break

3:45pm

Session 5: Parliamentary Strategies towards Ratification and Implementation of ATT

Sen. David Musila, MP (Kenya), Chair of PGA National Group

Hon. Netani Rika, MP (Fiji), Chair of Foreign Relations and Defence Committee, PGA Member

Hon. Antonio Niquice, MP (Mozambique), PGA Member

Hon. John Simon MP (Papua New Guinea), Acting Assistant Speaker and Chairman of Foreign Relations and Defence Committee

Ambassador Leiatua Kilifoti Eteuati (Samoa) Ambassador of Samoa to Pacific Islands Forum

Chair/Moderator: Hon. Ahmed Malhoof, MP (Maldives), PGA Member

Interactive Dialogue

4:45pm

Deliberation and Adoption of *San Salvador Plan of Action on Arms Trade Treaty*

Chair/Moderator: Hon. Mario Alberto Tenorio, Chair of the Legislative and Constitutional Affairs Committee and Co-Covenor of PGA National Group in El Salvador (GANA)



5:45pm

Concluding Remarks of First Day of Annual Forum

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary-General of PGA

7:30-10:30pm

Defender of Democracy Award (DDA) 2015 Ceremony/Dinner (By Invitation only)

Anthropology National Museum

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PGA'S 37TH ANNUAL GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

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30 November and 1 December 2015

San Salvador, El Salvador

PROGRAMME

**Day 2: Improving Universality and Strengthening National Implementation of
The Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC)**

1st December, 2015

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9:30am **Session 1: Introduction and overview of the BWC**

- **Main features, Status and Text of the BWC**
- **Secretary-General's Mechanism for investigation of alleged use of chemical and biological weapons**
- **Latest Information on the BWC**

Mr. Daniel Feakes – Chief of Implementation Support Unit of BWC (Geneva)

Mr. Richard Merrin, Deputy Political Counsellor, US Embassy to El Salvador

Hon. Margarita Stolbizer, MP (Argentina), Co Convenor of the Peace and Democracy Programme.

Moderator: Hon. Francisco Zablah Safie, Rapporteur of the Environment and Climate Change Committee, Member of PGA National Group in El Salvador (GANa)

Interactive Dialogue

10:45am **Coffee Break**

11:00am **Session 2: Promoting the Universality of the BWC: Challenges for ratification and the Role of Parliamentarians**

- **Status of Universality of the BWC**
- **Challenges and opportunities for the ratification of the BWC**
- **The Role of Parliaments and Individual Parliamentarians in Promoting the first multilateral disarmament treaty banning the development, production and stockpiling of an entire category of weapons of mass destruction - Strategies to attain more ratifications and accessions**

H.E. Mr. Bernhard Garside, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to El Salvador

Hon. Pindi Chana, MP (Tanzania), Chair of PGA International Council

Hon. Ramesh Lekhak, MP (Nepal), PGA Member

Hon. Worlea S. Dunah, MP (Liberia), PGA International Council Member

Moderator: Hon. David Ernesto Reyes, Second Secretary of the Board of Directors,

Interactive Dialogue

12:00am **Session 3: Promoting Strengthened Implementation of Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC)**

- Analysis of Status of BWC Implementation
- Challenges in the implementation of the BWC
- The Role of Parliamentarians- Strategies to achieve strengthened implementation
- National Implementation support and assistance

Mr. Scott Spence, Programme Director for National Implementation, Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC) (London, United Kingdom)

Hon. Ronny Monge Salas (Costa Rica), PGA Member

Hon. Francisco Ashley Acedillo, MP (Philippines), PGA Member

Hon. Dr. Ana Mato Adrover, MP (Spain), First Vicepresident, Commission on International Cooperation for Development

Moderator: Hon. John Tennant Wright Sol, Secretary of the Environment and Climate Change Committee, Member of PGA National Group in El Salvador (ARENA)

Interactive Dialogue

1:00pm **Lunch**

2:30pm **Session 4: Parliamentary contribution to effective implementation of the BWC Convention**

- Challenges and benefits of implementing legislation on the BWC
- Mobilization of resources and the functioning of institutions for the effective implementation of the BWC through the domestic institutions

Hon. Bertha Sanseverino, MP (Uruguay), PGA Executive Committee Member

Hon. Ahmed Mahloof, MP (Maldives), PGA Member

Hon. Mohamed Benabdessadeq, MP (Morocco), PGA International Council Member

Moderator: Hon. Damian Alegria, member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Centro-American integration and Salvadorians abroad, Member of PGA National Group en El Salvador

Interactive Dialogue

3:45pm **Coffee Break**

4:00pm **Session 5: The Future of the Biological Weapons Convention: Discussion and Adoption of San Salvador Plan of Action on BWC**

Facilitator: Hon. Nidia Diaz, MP (El Salvador) member of the PGA National group.

5:15pm **CLOSING SESSION: Strengthening Peace and Security - A Parliamentary Priority**

Hon. Karina Ivette Sosa de Rodas, MP (El Salvador), Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Centro-American Integration and Salvadorians Abroad, Member of PGA National Group

Hon. Minou Tavárez Mirabal (Dominican Republic), President of PGA

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