



## Biannual Strategic Meeting of the PGA UN Committee

*Ambassadorial Level*

Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations  
633 Third Avenue, 27th Floor, New York  
February 17<sup>th</sup> 2016, from 1:15pm to 2:45pm  
Luncheon will be served

### I. Objectives

1. To provide an update on PGA's Strategic Plan 2016-2018 and the 3 PGA Programs:
  - a) International Law and Human Rights
  - b) Gender, Equality and Population
  - c) Peace & Democracy
2. To discuss the role of Parliamentarians in supporting and implementing the UN Agenda at the national level
3. To discuss the entry into force of the Kampala Review Conference Amendments on the Crime of Aggression
4. To introduce new PGA Campaigns

### II. Expected Outcomes

1. Increased knowledge of the activities and goals of PGA in the first half of 2016, with a focus on individual programs and campaigns.
2. Improved understanding of the role parliamentarians can play when implementing the UN Agenda at the domestic level and how the United Nations can support these endeavors.
3. Understanding of the necessity of universal ratification of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression in regards to the effectiveness of the Rome Statute.

### III. AGENDA

1:15pm

#### Introduction

*Welcoming remarks* by the **Chair of the PGA UN Committee H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser**, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations (5minutes)

*Keynote remarks* by **Hon. Adama Dieng**, UN Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide (10minutes)

1:30pm

#### Presentation of PGA's strategic plan (2016-2018) and PGA's 2016 activities

**Dr. David Donat Cattin**, Secretary-General, PGA (8-10 minutes)

- **International Law and Human Rights** – International Criminal Court Campaign (ICC) & Campaign for Abolition of the Death Penalty, Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Campaign
- **Gender, Equality and Population** – Nondiscrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) and Child, Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM) Campaigns
- **Peace and Democracy** – Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Campaign, PGA Parliamentary Campaign for Ratification and Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention, PGA Par-

liamentary Campaign for Ratification and Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention

- **Additional Areas of Development** – Strengthening the effectiveness of the UN System, 1 for 7 Billion Campaign, Addressing the challenge of the shrinking space for civil society worldwide, Voluntary restraint of veto use in cases of genocide, crimes against humanity and large-scale war crimes by the Security Council

*Question and Answer session (20 minutes)*

**2:00pm**            **Strategic Work of the PGA UN Committee in 2016**

*Input to PGA From PGA UN Committee Members (20 Minutes)*

**2:20pm**            **The Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression**

*Brief overview by H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations (10 Minutes)*

**2:30pm**            **Other Business**

**2:40pm**            **Conclusions**

*Concluding Remarks by H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations (5 Minutes)*

**2:45pm**            **End of the meeting**

#### **IV. CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS** (Countries in Alphabetical Order)

1. Ms. Penny Morton, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Australia to the UN
2. H.E. Amb. Jan Kickert, Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN
3. Mr. Michael Bonser, Minister-Counsellor (Political) Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN
4. H.E. Amb. Peter Lehmann, Deputy Permanent Representative of Denmark to the UN
5. H.E. Amb. Minna Lind, Deputy Permanent Representative of Estonia to the UN
6. H.E. Amb. Jouni Laaksonen, Deputy Permanent Representative, of Finland to the UN
7. H.E. Amb. Alexis Lamek, Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the UN
8. H.E. Amb. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobe, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the UN
9. Prof. Salvatore Zappala, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN
10. H.E. Amb. Mr. Oh Joon, Permanent Representative of The Republic of Korea to the UN
11. H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN, *Chair, PGA UN Committee*
12. H.E. Amb. Sylvie Lucas, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the UN
13. H.E. Amb. Gerard van Bohemen, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the UN
14. H.E. Amb. Per Thöresson, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN

15. H.E. Amb. Olivier Zehnder, Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN, *Member, PGA UN Committee*
16. H.E. Amb. Volodymyr Yelchenko, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN
17. Mr. Adama Dieng, UN Special Adviser on Genocide, Member, *PGA UN Committee*
18. Mr. Thomas Markam, Director/Deputy to the High Representative of the Director and Deputy to the High Representative of Disarmament Affairs
19. Mr. Rafael de Bustamante, Human Rights and Social Affairs Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the European Union to the UN
20. Ms. Nika Saeedi, Policy Specialist, Gender, Political Processes, Peacebuilding Inclusive Political Processes Cluster, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme.

### **PGA Secretariat**

21. Dr. David Donat Cattin (Italy), Secretary-General
22. Ms. Jennifer McCarthy (USA), Assistant Secretary-General
23. Mr. Peter Barcroft (Ireland), Director, Peace & Democracy Programme
24. Ms. Leyla Nikjou (Austria), Senior Programme Officer, Int. Law and Human Rights Programme
25. Mr. Thiago Carvalho (Brazil/Portugal), Executive Officer
26. Ms. Yasmina Gourchane, (USA), Programme Assistant
27. Mr. Adam Stamper, (USA/Poland) Intern

## **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.

### **CORE DONORS of PGA**

- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark
- Stewart R. Mott Foundation

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- EU/ European Commission (European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights)
- UN Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR)

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- Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development of Canada
- 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

**Foundations and other Private Entities**

- Arcus Foundation
- Hivos
- Humanity United
- Open Society Foundations

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For more information regarding the programme, format and goals of the Strategy Meetings, please contact Ms. Leyla Nikjou, PGA Senior Programme Office and 1 for 7 Billion Campaign Manager, ILHR Programme, T. +1.917.853.2505 [leyla.nikjou@pgaction.org](mailto:leyla.nikjou@pgaction.org)