

# ICC CAMPAIGN UPDATE

## PGA ICC CAMPAIGN for the Effectiveness and Universality of the Rome Statute

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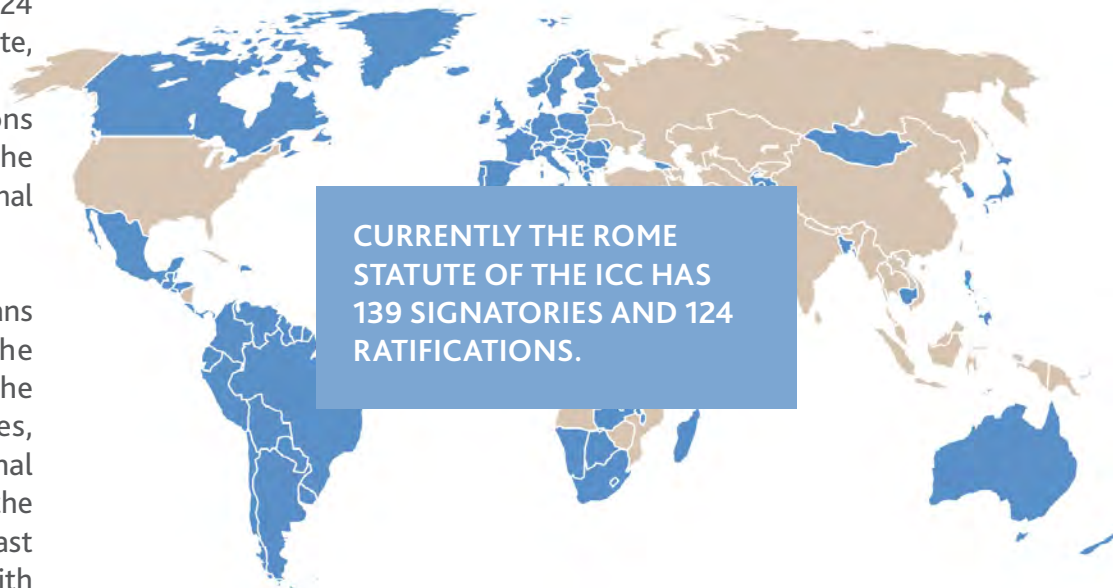
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## A Universal Court with Global Support

PGA's ICC Campaign has so far been instrumental in 77 of the 124 ratifications of the Rome Statute, through which States provide their territories and populations with legal protection against the most serious crimes of international concern.

PGA's network of Parliamentarians furthermore assisted in the domestic implementation of the Rome Statute in 32 countries, therewith strengthening national legislative systems. Read about the campaign's highlight from the last four months and take action with the PGA ICC Campaign!



## Paraguayan parliament unanimously approved draft bill implementing the Rome Statute of the ICC



On 16 August 2017, the parliament of Paraguay approved the legislation which shall implement the Rome Statute into their domestic system. This achievement is the culmination of concerted efforts and strong collaboration between PGA Members.

Read more: [www.pgaction.org/news/paraguay-approves-implementing-legislation-rs.html](http://www.pgaction.org/news/paraguay-approves-implementing-legislation-rs.html)

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“With this implementation, we join the international community that is persistent in its attempts to prosecute individuals responsible for committing international crimes, namely crimes against humanity, genocide, war crimes and after activation, the crime of aggression.

“Concluding the parliamentary efforts, we will send the approved text to the Executive Power for promulgation.”

## PGA’s technical support to the Universality Campaign launched by the Embassies of Denmark and Cyprus in The Hague

From June-July, the PGA ILHR team provided the Embassies of Denmark and Cyprus with necessary background information to advance the political support towards ratification of the Rome Statute. On 21st July 2017, these Embassies then launched the social media campaign for promoting universality of the Rome Statute.

The Campaign is accompanied by a video which compiles short clips of expression of support for the ICC by the Minister of Justice of Senegal and Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark, the Czech Republic, Argentina and the Republic of Cyprus.

Video of the Campaign: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilKGFCRvplE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilKGFCRvplE)

Facebook page of the Campaign: [www.facebook.com/universality](http://www.facebook.com/universality)

Twitter: #MoreJustWorld #justicematters

## PGA's Mission to Haiti to advance the ratification of the Rome Statute



A PGA delegation travelled to Haiti on 13-14 July 2017 to meet with Haitian officials in the framework of Consultations on the ratification of international conventions regarding peace and security, arms control, the Rule of Law and the fight against impunity.

Read more: [www.pgaction.org/news/field-mission-haiti-promote-ratification-att-btwc-icc.html](http://www.pgaction.org/news/field-mission-haiti-promote-ratification-att-btwc-icc.html)

## PGA Delegation met with Chilean Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Justice to discuss the full implementation of the Rome Statute



On 15 May 2017, a PGA parliamentary delegation - composed of PGA Board Member Dip. Ronny Monge (Costa Rica), Member Dip. Luis Petri (Argentina), President of the Internal Security Committee & PGA member, and Dip. Tucapel Jiménez (Chile), Chair of the PGA Chile National Group - was received by Mr. Edgardo Riveros Marín, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Jaime Campos, Minister of Justice of Chile to discuss the full implementation of the Rome Statute and cooperation with the ICC in the Chilean domestic legal order.

Both Cabinet authorities expressed Chile's commitment to prioritize the domestic and international accountability mechanisms for international crimes.

Read more: [www.pgaction.org/news/pga-parliamentary-delegation-chile-rome-statute-icc-bwc.html](http://www.pgaction.org/news/pga-parliamentary-delegation-chile-rome-statute-icc-bwc.html)

## 17 July, International Justice Day



PGA took action on International Justice Day and called upon all Member States to express their support for the ICC and to send Ministerial level delegations to the December 2017 Assembly of States Parties at the United Nations headquarters, in New York.

Our Secretary General David Donat Cattin addressed the [ASP-UN 17 July event to mark International Justice Day in New York](#), attended by high- level representatives of Governments, International Organisations and non-governmental organisations.

Read more:

[www.pgaction.org/news/pga-celebrates-international-justice-day-2017.html](http://www.pgaction.org/news/pga-celebrates-international-justice-day-2017.html)

## Meeting of new Minister of Justice/Attorney-General of Gambia with PGA SG

On 30 June 2017, David Donat Cattin met with the new Justice Minister and Attorney-General of The Gambia, Mr. Abubacarr M Tamberdou. PGA's SG presented the full portfolio of the organization's Campaigns and possible interventions, to strengthen Gambia's transition to democracy, justice and the Rule of Law, in partnership with the new Parliament and in cooperation with the new Government.

Read more:

[www.pgaction.org/news/pga-sg-meets-with-gambian-moj.html](http://www.pgaction.org/news/pga-sg-meets-with-gambian-moj.html)



## 22th ICC- NGO Roundtable meeting held in The Hague, The Netherlands



Between 13 and 16 June 2017, PGA participated at the ICC- NGO Roundtables, a forum attended by 82 NGOs worldwide and the ICC representatives to exchange views, updates and strategic ways forward within the Rome Statute system. PGA's intervention concerned in particular the Universality of the Rome Statute and the strategies to boost the continued support towards the ICC as well as the upcoming vote on the activation of the Court's jurisdiction over the Crime of Aggression at the upcoming Assembly of States Parties which takes place in December in New York.

Read more:

[www.coalitionfortheicc.org/about/iccngo-roundtable-2017](http://www.coalitionfortheicc.org/about/iccngo-roundtable-2017)



## PGA's Intervention at the European Parliament

On 2 May 2017, the PGA Secretary General, on behalf of the organization addressed a panel of the European Parliament Foreign Affairs' Committee (AFET), highlighting the [need for Ukraine](#) to ratify the Rome Statute and reaffirm its commitment against impunity without any reservation or delay.

Read more:

[www.pgaction.org/news/european-parliament-exchange-of-views-fight-against-impunity.html](http://www.pgaction.org/news/european-parliament-exchange-of-views-fight-against-impunity.html)

**27 September 2017:** PGA's interventions in the NGOs' briefings to the Council of the EU Working Group on Public International Law/ICC (COJUR-ICC)

**28 September 2017:** Strategic Meeting on support of victims' rights chaired by the Chair of the PGA EP National Group Ms. Ana Gomes MEP, with the participation of the ICC Trust Fund for Victims, Foundations and the Private Sector, European Parliament, Brussels

Read more: [www.pgaction.org/news/2017-trust-fund-for-victims-icc-discussion-ep.html](http://www.pgaction.org/news/2017-trust-fund-for-victims-icc-discussion-ep.html)

## ICC UPDATES

### **ICC signs cooperation agreement with Government of Georgia**

On 25 July 2017, the Registrar of the ICC, Mr Herman von Hebel visited Tbilisi and signed an agreement with the Government of Georgia, to facilitate the Court's activities and ongoing investigations in the country.

Read more: [www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=pr1327](http://www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=pr1327)

### **Al Mahdi case: ICC Trial Chamber VIII issues reparations order**

On 17 August 2017, the ICC issued a Reparations Order in the case of The Prosecutor v. Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi, concluding that Mr Al Mahdi is liable for 2.7 million euros in expenses for individual and collective reparations for the community of Timbuktu for intentionally directing attacks against religious and historic buildings in that city.

Read more: [www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=pr1329](http://www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=pr1329)

### **Libya: On 15 August 2017, ICC issued a warrant of arrest for Mahmoud Mustafa Busayf AL-WERFALLI for war crimes**

Read more: [www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=pr1328](http://www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=pr1328)

### **On 6 July 2017, the ICC decides that South Africa failed to comply with its obligation under the Rome Statute to arrest and surrender of Omar Al-Bashir**

Read more: [www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=pr1320](http://www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=pr1320)

[Decision under article 87\(7\) of the Rome Statute on the non-compliance by South Africa with the request by the Court for the arrest and surrender of Omar Al-Bashir.](#)