Biannual Strategic Meeting of the PGA UN Advisory Committee
Ambassadorial Level
Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations
633 Third Ave, 27th floor, New York, NY
12 February 2020, from 1:15pm to 2:45pm
Luncheon available from 1:00pm

I. Objectives
1. To highlight progress made as well as remaining challenges regarding the implementation of PGA's Strategic Plan 2019-2021 with respect to its 3 Programmes:
   a) International Law and Human Rights
   b) Gender, Equality and Inclusion
   c) International Peace and Security
2. To discuss the role of Parliamentarians in supporting and implementing the UN Agenda at the national level.
3. To share the Praia Plan of Action on promoting democratic renewal and inclusion, safeguarding human rights, and protecting the Oceans adopted at PGA’s 41st Annual Forum of Parliamentarians held in the Parliament of Cape Verde, November 2019.
4. To explore opportunities for collaboration with PGA Member-Parliamentarians with UN institutions on 2020 priorities.

II. Expected Outcomes
1. Increased knowledge of the activities and goals of PGA in 2020 and opportunities for cooperation with Member States and UN agencies.
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 endeavours.

III. Agenda
1:15pm Introduction

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

1:20pm Presentation of PGA’s 2019 activities and Strategic Plan 2019-2021: Mobilizing Legislators as Champions for Human Rights, Democracy and Peace

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary-General, PGA (10 minutes)
- Gender, Equality and Inclusion – (4) Non-discrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) and (5) Ending Child, Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM) Campaigns.
- (8) New core Campaign on Democratic Renewal & Human Rights.

Question and Answer session (20 minutes)
1:50pm  **Election of the new Prosecutor and Judges at the ICC in 2020: what does it mean for the global efforts to fight impunity for the most serious crimes of international concern?**

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

2:10pm  **Outcomes of the PGA 41st Annual Forum and UN priorities on the Oceans**

*Brief remarks by PGA's Secretary-General* (5 Minutes)

2:15pm  **Strategic Work of the PGA UN Committee in 2020**

*Brief remarks by Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu,* Under-Secretary-General; UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs (5 minutes)

2:20pm  **Input from Participants to PGA** (20 Minutes)

2:40pm  **Conclusions**

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

### IV. Members of the PGA United Nations Advisory Committee

(Countries in Alphabetical Order)

1.  **H.E. Amb. Jan Kickert,** Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN
2.  **H.E. Amb. Rodrigo A. Carazo,** Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN
3.  **H.E. Amb. Ivan Šimonović,** Permanent Representative of Croatia to the UN *(Presidency of the EU Council)*
4.  **Ms. Rebecca Lynge,** Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN
5.  **H.E. Amb. Silvio Gonzato,** Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the UN
6.  **H.E. Amb. Chull-joo Park,** Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the UN
7.  **H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser,** Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN
8.  **Ms. Tatiana Konieczny,** Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Luxembourg to the UN
9.  **H.E. Amb. Magnus Lennartsson,** Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN
10.  **H.E. Amb. Dominique Favre,** Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN
11.  **Mr. Vincent Rittener,** Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN
12.  **H.E. Amb. Yuriy Vitrenko,** Deputy Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN
13.  **Mr. Adama Dieng,** Under-Secretary-General, UN; Special Adviser of the UN Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide
14.  **Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu,** Under-Secretary-General; UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

**Representatives of Member States and UN bodies**

15.  **Ms. Catherine Boucher,** Counsellor Legal and Social Affairs, Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN
16.  **Mrs. Maria D’Alva,** Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Guinea-Bissau to the UN
17.  **H.E. Amb. Patrick Saint Hilaire,** Permanent Representative of Haiti to the UN
18.  **Mr. Enrico Milano,** Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN
19. Mr. Enrico Pedrotti, Adviser, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN
20. Ms. Aahde Lahmiri, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Morocco to the UN
21. H.E. Amb. António Gumende, Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the UN
22. Ms. Liselot Egmond, First Secretary Legal Affairs, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the UN
23. H.E. Amb. Susan Eckey, Representative to the ECOSOC, Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN
24. H.E. Amb. Cheikh Niang, Permanent Representative of Senegal to the UN
25. Dr. Agnes Callamard, UN Special Rapporteur on Extra-Judicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions; Director, Global Freedom of Expression, Columbia University

**PGA Secretariat**

26. Dr. David Donat Cattin (Italy), Secretary-General
27. Ms. Jennifer McCarthy (USA), Deputy Secretary-General
28. Mr. Peter Barcroft (Ireland), Senior Director, International Peace and Security Programme
29. Ms. Mónica Adame (Mexico), Director, Gender Equality and Inclusion Programme
30. Ms. Melissa Verpile (Haiti/USA), Senior Legal Officer, International Law & Human Rights Programme
31. Mr. Thiago Carvalho (Brazil/Portugal), Senior Programme Officer
32. Mr. Alejandro Roche (Spain), Senior Programme Officer, Gender Equality and Inclusion Programme
33. Ms. Tiffany Ommundsen (USA), Development Officer
34. Mr. Tanvir Deol (Canada), Programme Associate, International Peace and Security Programme

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**Vision**

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

**Mission**

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