

Biannual Strategic Meeting of the PGA United Nations Advisory Committee

Ambassadorial Level

Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN

633 Third Ave, 27th floor, New York, NY

Friday, 18 June 2021

10:15 AM – 12:15 PM EDT (US and Canada)

I. Objectives

1. To highlight progress made and remaining challenges regarding the implementation of PGA's Strategic Plan 2019-2021 with respect to its 3 Programmes and a cross-cutting core campaign:
 - International Law and Human Rights
 - Gender, Equality, and Inclusion
 - International Peace and Security
 - Democratic Renewal and Human Rights Campaign
2. To discuss the role of Parliamentarians in supporting and implementing the UN Agenda at the national level.
3. To explore synergies between the UN and Legislators worldwide, including on the frameworks of *Our Common Agenda* and the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 Agenda.

II. Expected Outcomes

1. Increased knowledge of the activities and goals of PGA in 2021 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.
3. Increased engagement of the PGA UN Advisory Committee with the PGA Executive Committee of elected legislators from 15 UN Member States.

AGENDA

10:15am Welcoming remarks

H.E. Ambassador Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations; *Chairperson of the PGA UN Advisory Committee*

Mr. Naveed Qamar, MP (Pakistan), Chairperson of PGA International Council

10:25am I) Our Common Agenda: Towards the 2021 Report of the UN Secretary-General to the UN General Assembly on the future of the UN & the International Community

Presentation by Dr. Volker Türk, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Cooperation, Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General

Open Debate with Parliamentarians of the PGA Board, Ambassadors to the UN and UN Experts

10:55am II) Preventing Atrocities – The unique role of Parliamentarians

Presentation by Ms. Karen Smith, Special Adviser of the UN Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect

Commentaries by Mr. Kyle Matthews, Executive Director, Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, and

Lt.-Gen. Roméo Dallaire, former Canadian Senator, Distinguished Senior Fellow, Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies

Open Debate with Parliamentarians of the PGA Board, Ambassadors to the UN and UN Experts

11:35am III) Strengthening International Law and International Criminal Justice

Presentation by Ms. Simona Popan, Head of the Legal Section, Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations

Commentaries by Ambassador Christian Wenaweser and Dr. David Donat Cattin, PGA Secretary-General

Open Debate with Parliamentarians of the PGA Board, Ambassadors to the UN and UN Experts

12:10pm Closing remarks by **Ms. Margareta Cederfelt**, MP (Sweden), President of PGA

12:15pm End of meeting

INVITED PARTICIPANTS

I) PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE PGA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (15 MPs)

Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, MP, Sweden; President of PGA *Attending via Zoom*

Mr. Naveed Qamar, MP, Pakistan; Chair, PGA Int. Council *Attending in person*

Ms. Petra Bayr, MP, Austria; Treasurer of PGA *Attending via Zoom*

Hon. (Ms.) Valerie Woods, Speaker of Parliament, Belize *Attending via Zoom*

Mr. Ali Ehsassi, MP, Canada *Attending via Zoom*

Dip. Tucapel Jimenez, Chile *Attending via Zoom*

Dip. Jorge Cáliz, Honduras *Attending in person*

Hon. Millie Odhiambo, MP, Kenya *Attending via Zoom*

Hon. Kasthuri Patto, MP, Malaysia *Attending in person*

<i>Hon. Rozaina Adam, MP, Maldives</i>	<i>Attending via Zoom</i>
<i>Dep. Amina Maelainine, Morocco</i>	<i>Attending via Zoom</i>
<i>Dep. Antonio Niquice, Mozambique</i>	<i>Attending in person</i>
<i>Sen. Boris Dittrich, The Netherlands</i>	<i>Attending via Zoom</i>
<i>Dep. Levy Nazaré, São Tomé and Príncipe</i>	<i>Attending via Zoom</i>
<i>Mr. Mark Pritchard, MP, United Kingdom</i>	<i>Attending via Zoom</i>

II) MEMBERS OF THE PGA UN COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Representatives of Countries (in alphabetical order)

1. **H.E. Mr. Hans-Joachim Almoslechner**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN
2. **Ms. Laura Katholnig**, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN
3. **H.E. Mr. Robert Keith Rae**, Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN
4. **H.E. Mr. Rodrigo A. Carazo**, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN
5. **H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović**, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the UN
6. **H.E. Ms. Marie-Louise Koch Wegter**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Denmark to the UN
7. **Ms. Rebecca Lynge**, Policy Adviser, Human Rights, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN
8. **Ms. Simona Popan**, Head of the Legal Section, Delegation of the European Union to the UN
9. **H.E. Mr. Harold Adlai Agyeman**, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the UN
10. **Prof. Enrico Milano**, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN
7. **H.E. Mr. Cho Hyun**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the UN
8. **H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser**, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN
9. **H.E. Mr. Fabien Raum**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the UN
10. **H.E. Mr. Pedro Comissário Afonso**, Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the UN
11. **H.E. Mr. Magnus Lennartsson**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN
12. **Ms. Nathalie Schneider Rittener**, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN
13. **H.E. Mr. Sergiy Kyslytsya**, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN
14. **H.E. Mrs. Linda Thomas-Greenfield**, Permanent Representative of the United States to the UN

B. Special Guests and Representatives of UN bodies

1. **Dr. Volker Türk**, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Cooperation, Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General
2. **Ms. Karen Smith**, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect

3. **Lt-General Roméo Dallaire**, former Canadian Senator, Distinguished Senior Fellow, Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies
4. **Mr. Kyle Matthews**, Executive Director, Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies
5. **Ms. Giorgia Tortora**, Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law, Justice and Corrections Services, Department of Peace Operations

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-governmental, multi-party, international network of legislators acting in their individual capacity, informs and mobilizes parliamentarians in all regions of the world to advocate for human rights and the Rule of Law, democracy, human security, inclusion, and gender equality.

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- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway (*until March 2021*)
- Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland
- Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN
- United States Department of State (Global Equality Fund and Biosecurity Engagement Program)

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