Strategic Meeting of the PGA United Nations Advisory Committee
Ambassadorial Level

Generously hosted by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations
633 Third Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, NY

Thursday, 9 February 2023
1:15 – 2:45 PM EST (US and Canada)

Lunch will be served

IV. AGENDA

1:15pm  Welcoming remarks & introduction by Participants
H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN;
Chairperson of the PGA UN Advisory Committee

1:20pm  Programmes, Campaigns and Priorities for PGA in 2023: The role of Parliamentarians
and Parliaments in Global Affairs and in the UN System
Ms. Mónica Adame, Secretary-General of PGA (2023-25)

1:30pm  I) Towards a Special Tribunal for the crime of aggression in Ukraine through a UN
General Assembly Resolution mandating a treaty between the UN and Ukraine?
II) Towards a permanent jurisdiction of the ICC on the crime of aggression through
relevant “amendments of the amendments” to the Rome Statute?
Ambassador Christian Wenaweser
Dr. David Donat-Cattin, Secretary-General (2014-22)/Outgoing SG (Jan.Mar. 23)

2:00pm  Overview on situation in Afghanistan: cross-cutting human rights violations
Ms. Melissa Verpile, Director, Democratic Renewal and Human Rights Campaign; Senior
Legal Officer, PGA

2:20pm  Climate Change: Impact on democracy and human rights (references to the “Climate
Ambition Summit” to be held in September 2023 at the UNHQ)
Pre-recorded Statement by Mr. Ian Fry, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and
protection of human rights in the context of climate change
Commentary by Ms. Mónica Adame

2:40pm  Closing remarks by the Chairperson of the PGA UN Advisory Committee
CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

A. Representatives to the UN (in alphabetical order)

1. Ms. Nicola Hardwick, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN
2. H.E. Mr. Carlos Fuller, Permanent Representative of Belize to the UN
3. Ms. Beatrice Maille, Minister-Counselor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN
4. H.E. Ms. Maritza Chan Valverde, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN
5. Ms. Esther Sandholt Hansen, Counsellor in Legal and Political Affairs, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN
6. Ms. Emma Holst Villumsen, Legal and Political Affairs, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN
7. Ms. Simona Popan, Counsellor, Delegation of the European Union to the UN
8. Mr. Michael Hasenau, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations
9. H.E. Mr. Gianluca Greco, Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN
10. Mr. Enrico Milano, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN
11. H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN
12. Mr. Luis Elizondo Belden, Delegate, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the UN
13. Mr. Muhammad Jawad Ajmal, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN
14. H.E. Mr. Magnus Lennartsson, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN
15. H.E. Mr. Adrian Hauri, Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN

B. Special Guests and Representatives of UN bodies

16. Mrs. Karen Renee Odaba Mosoti, Permanent Observer of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to the UN
17. Mr. Ian Fry, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change (pre-recorded video message)
18. Prof. Jennifer Trahan, Director of the Concentration in International Law and Human Rights, NYU Center for Global Affairs; Convenor, The Global Institute for the Prevention of Aggression

C. Secretariat of PGA

19. Ms. Mónica Adame, Secretary-General (2023-25)
20. Dr. David Donat-Cattin, Outgoing Secretary-General/SG (2014-22)
21. Ms. Jennifer McCarthy, Deputy Secretary-General
22. Ms. Melissa Verpile, Director, Democratic Renewal Campaign/Senior Legal Officer
23. Ms. Saarah Monawil, Senior Programme Officer for Gender, Equality and Inclusion (Climate Action Campaign) and Oceans’ Campaign
24. Ms. Tiffany Ommundsen, Senior Development Officer

MISSION STATEMENT OF PGA

Vision

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

Mission

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

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