



Biannual Strategic Meeting of the PGA UN Committee

Ambassadorial Level

Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations
633 Third Ave, 27th floor, New York, NY
February 16, 2017, from 1:15pm to 2:45pm
Luncheon available from 1:00 pm

I. Objectives

1. To provide an update on PGA's Strategic Plan 2017-2018 and the 3 PGA Programs:
 - a) Gender, Equality and Population
 - b) International Law and Human Rights
 - c) Peace & Democracy
2. To discuss the role of Parliamentarians in supporting and implementing the UN Agenda at the national level
3. To introduce new PGA Campaigns

II. Expected Outcomes

1. Information about PGA Campaign goals and activities in 2017
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

1:25pm **Presentation of PGA's updated strategic plan (2017-2018) and 2017 activities**

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary-General, PGA

- **Gender, Equality and Population** – Nondiscrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) and Child, Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM) Campaigns.
- **International Law and Human Rights** – International Criminal Court Campaign (ICC); Campaign for Abolition of the Death Penalty; Strengthening of UN Working Methods; Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Campaign.
- **Peace and Democracy** – Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Campaign, PGA Parliamentary Campaign for Ratification and Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC).
- **Additional Areas of Development** – Parliamentary Representation at the UN; Protection of MPs as Human Rights and Environmental Defenders; 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 2017**

Advice to PGA from the PGA UN Committee Members (30 Minutes)

2:30pm **Other Business**

2:40pm **Conclusions**

Concluding Remarks by H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations

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

IV. PARTICIPANTS

1. H.E. Amb. Gillian Bird, Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN
2. H.E. Amb. Jan Kickert, Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN, *Member, PGA UN Committee*
3. H.E. Marc Pecsteen de Buytswerve, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the UN
4. H.E. Amb. Ib Petersen, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the UN, *Member, PGA UN Committee*
5. H.E. Amb. Joanne Adamson, Deputy Permanent Representative of the European Union to the UN
6. H.E. Amb. Helen Rits, Deputy Permanent Representative of Estonia to the UN, *Member, PGA UN Committee*
7. H. E. Amb. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the UN, *Member, PGA UN Committee*
8. H.E. Amb. Mr. Cho Tae-yul, Permanent Representative of The Republic of Korea to the UN, *Member, PGA UN Committee*
9. H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN, *Chair, PGA UN Committee*
10. H.E. Amb. Christian Braun, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the UN
11. H.E. Amb. Lise Gregoire-van Haaren, Deputy Permanent Representatives of The Netherlands to the UN, *Member, PGA UN Committee*
12. H.E. Amb. Gerard van Bohemen, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the UN
13. Mr. Gerold Vollmer, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN
14. Mr. François Gave, Counsellor for development and sustainable development, Permanent Mission of France to the UN
15. Mr. Kennedy Mayong Onon, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the UN
16. Ms. Sigrun Rawet, Minister Counsellor, Economic and Social Affairs, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the UN,
17. Ms. Damaris Carnal, First Secretary of Switzerland to the UN
18. Mr. Oleksiy Ilnitskyi, Counsellor of Ukraine to the UN
19. Mr. Thomas Markram, Director and Deputy to the High Representative, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs

20. Prof. Salvatore Zappala, Legal Advisor, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN

PGA Secretariat

21. Dr. David Donat Cattin (Italy), Secretary-General
22. Ms. Jennifer McCarthy (USA), Deputy Secretary-General
23. Ms. Mónica Adame (Mexico/USA), Director of Gender Equality and Population Programme
24. Ms. Leyla Nikjou (Austria), Specialist on Rule of Law and UN Strengthening, Senior Programme Officer of Int. Law and Human Rights Programme
25. Ms. Holly Sarkissian (USA), Development Officer
26. Mr. Thiago Carvalho (Brazil/Portugal), Executive Officer
27. Ms. Melissa Verpile (Haïti), Programme Officer
28. Mr. Alejandro Roche (Spain), Programme Officer
29. Ms. Sara Rosales (USA), Programme Intern
30. Ms. Heather Hollow (USA) Programme 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

DONORS TO PGA CAMPAIGNS AND PROGRAMMES

International Organizations:

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

Governments

- Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 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
- Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of The Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg
- U.K Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- U.S. State Department Global Equality Fund

Foundations and other Private Entities

- Arcus Foundation
- Hivos
- Humanity United
- Oak Foundation
- Open Society Foundations
- Raymond & Elizabeth Bloch Charitable and Education Foundation

- The Sigrid Rausing Trust

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