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president's
message

PGA's International President, Mr. Moses Katjuongua, MP (Namibia)



Mr. Moses Katjuongua, MP (Namibia),
PGA International President

1997 proved to be a monumentally successful year for Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA). Remarkable advancements were made in our program work as well as our membership development. We now have almost 1,300 members from 99 parliaments around the globe, representing all major political parties.

As Parliamentarians for Global Action ends its second decade, it is important that we prepare ourselves for sustaining the activism of this organization through the 21st century. The future of this organization depends primarily on two factors: First is the very network of legislators that comprise PGA and work together to advance its vision. We must continue to develop and expand our membership of activist parliamentarians, government and opposition, men and women. The results of PGA's work are rendered more effective and more enduring as our active membership steadily increases in size and stature and as PGA's parliamentary groups continue to democratize and expand.

The second factor that will greatly affect our future is the strengthening of the governance of PGA. Our governance (Board and Council)—along with our management—need to be strengthened and restructured. This year, the Secretary-General, Shazia Rafi, and I have worked to make certain that PGA is transparent, collaborative, open and truly engaged in the issues. Parliamentarians for Global Action is currently engaged in a comprehensive strategic review. While our dynamic network of legislators has proven itself an effective means to respond to international crises as well as on-going program work, this strategic review will ensure that PGA's institutional structure is sound and lasting. As we approach the 2nd millenium, PGA's work—on peace and democracy issues, international law and human rights, population and sustainable development, empowerment of women and economic revitalization—must continue to flourish, making the world a better place for us all. ★

Below at L: PGA Executive Cttee Meeting with H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, UN Sec'y-Gen., July 1997. L-R: Mr. Karl-Göran Biörsmark, MP (Sweden); Mr. Allan Rogers, MP (United Kingdom); Ms. Phoebe Asiyo, MP (Kenya), observer; Dép. Houda Kanoun (Tunisia); H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan; Dr. A. Moyeen Khan, MP (Bangladesh); Mr. Moses Katjuongua, MP (Namibia) and PGA Int'l Pres.; Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand); Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Sec'y-Gen. **Below at R: UN/US Relations Dominate Luncheon. L-R:** Ms. Gillian Sorensen, Asst. Sec'y-Gen., UN; Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Exec. Asst. to the UN Sec'y-Gen.; Amb. Legwaila J. Legwaila, Mission of Botswana to the UN; Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (USA); Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Sec'y-Gen.; Mr. Rafjeuddin Ahmed, Associate Administrator, UNDP



I was asked to "(1) review the governance structure of PGA with a view to recommending changes that are designed to address the financial instability and perennial financial crises that have plagued PGA since its inception. The recommended changes should help promote greater access to funding and provide more organizational stability and continuity for PGA; (2) build a better understanding in the Executive Committee and International Council of the need for a more effective governance structure; and 3) determine, with Parliamentarians and the Secretariat, the best way to implement the proposed changes."

Based on a survey instrument which was sent to Board and Council members and other supporters, I prepared a paper for decision by the Board of Directors in early May 1998 to be presented to the International Council meeting in September/October of 1998.

Overview:

Why did Parliamentarians join PGA? The replies to this question were genuinely moving as they demonstrated an enormous enthusiasm for an organization which individual Parliamentarians have joined because they are deeply involved in their own countries and parliaments with foreign affairs and world-wide peace and democracy. To a person, I found those I contacted to be activists with independent minds and a progressive orientation.

Parliamentarians again and again conveyed the excitement generated by meeting and working with fellow parliamentarians from all over the

world. They met seasoned parliamentarians as well as new members of parliament. They had opportunities to network with members of parliaments that have been established for centuries and members of new parliaments that have been established for but a few years.

The network that PGA has established has allowed parliamentarians to exchange views on common tasks and issues, to lend protection to parliamentarians whose positions, human rights and lives have been endangered, and to come together around issues of mutual international concern. They found that, as independent members of parliament, they could express their own personal views and not be guided by the positions of their parliaments. They found that they could also come to agreement with fellow, independent-minded members of parliaments from every geographic region. They could meet with fellow PGA members in their own parliaments to promote policies and legislation that would support parliamentarians and parliamentary democracy all over the world.

Members spoke frequently of influencing the foreign policies of their own governments as a result of their work with PGA.

While PGA's work on critical issues of peace, security, sustainability, women and population form the substance that draws them together, the simple coming together to work with other members of parliament is clearly exciting and carries importance in and of itself. Members spoke frequently of the pleasure of working openly and



Mr. Karl Mathiasen,
Management Assistance Group

effectively with members of other parliaments, not knowing or caring about their party orientation or whether their party was in power or in opposition. They delight, as well, in the knowledge that PGA doesn't stop with study and talk; PGA takes action, and that makes a huge difference to PGA's activist members.

I don't believe I can overestimate or overstate the importance of members of parliament coming and being together, networking, supporting, and defending each other, pushing peace, security and democracy agendas and then acting in their own parliaments and advocating their views world-wide. This, in my view, is why PGA exists and why its continued existence as a viable institution is so terribly important.

PGA has been remarkably fortunate in having been able to be active for so long without attending seriously to its organizational needs. In today's competitive world, NGOs in the US need strong effective structures if they are to be efficient and attractive to those who support them. ★

forum on crafting lasting peace

PGA Project Staff

- ~Ms. Shazia Rafi, *Secretary-General*
- ~Ms. Ayaka Suzuki, *Senior Program Officer*
- ~Ms. Dorothy Wisniowski, *Program Assistant*
- ~Ms. Nishkala Suntharalingam, *Consultant/Rapporteur*
- ~Mr. Kurt Low, *Consultant/Rapporteur*

PGA convened its 19th Annual Parliamentary Forum from October 9-10 1997 at the United Nations, to identify the key ingredients for crafting lasting peace and to guide its future work in the field of peace and democracy. The Forum brought together 70 parliamentarians from 38 countries as well as over 40 diplomats, government and UN officials, and NGO representatives.

H.E. Amb. Bill Richardson, U.S. Representative to the United Nations and former PGA member, delivered a keynote speech that called parliamentarians to action by "asserting their involvement and commitment in foreign affairs." Ambassador Richardson spoke about the current initiatives for UN reform and, in particular, changes in the management of peace and security matters by the UN Security Council. He also spoke on the issue of human rights and, as a final point, called for more women to become involved in peace-making

activities in the UN. He stated that "PGA's network of more than 300 women legislators around the world is an extremely useful database for the international community, which could call upon PGA's network when searching for appropriate women candidates."

The two-day conference examined a number of issues ranging from accountability, peace and justice, foreign

assistance on conflict prevention and management, development as a path to peace-building, the arms trade, and the role of women in the peace process. It also drew from a historical perspective provided by two former architects of the Marshall Plan which had been integral for post-conflict prevention-management and resolution in Europe after the World War II.

After a passionate and powerful presentation by the panel on *The Role of Women in Peace-making, Peace-keeping, and Peace-building*, Forum participants unanimously adopted a Declaration that reinforced the proposal of former Congresswoman, Ms. Bella Abzug, to include more women in decision-making and peace-making spheres.

Two working groups convened on October 10 1997 to strategize action for South Asia and the Great Lakes region. The intensive discussions at these working groups demonstrated the challenge of crafting lasting peace in regions where wide-ranging contentious issues hamper the peace process. Yet, such frank discussions could provide steps—however small—toward lasting peace. The working groups agreed to a follow-up plan through PGA's Task Force on Peace and Democracy and to undertaking priority areas of action recommended in the Working Paper on the Great Lakes Region.

In order to distinguish those who have committed themselves to peace, democracy and the advancement of international criminal justice, PGA



L-R: Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Sec'y-Gen.; H.E. Amb. Bill Richardson, US Ambassador to the UN; Mr. Moses Katjuongua, MP (Namibia) and PGA Int'l Pres.; Sir Kieran Prendergast, UN Under-Sec'y-Gen. for Political Affairs



Luncheon Speakers Day 1. At L: Ms. Jacqueline Damon, Principal Administrator, OECD, and former World Bank Rep. in Burundi. At R: H.E. Amb. Legwaila J. Legwaila, Permanent Rep. of Botswana to the UN and former Special Rep. of the Sec'y-Gen. of the OAU for South Africa

awarded H.E. Arthur N.R. Robinson, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and H.E. Jan Pronk, Minister of Development Cooperation of the Netherlands, its second Annual Defender of Democracy Awards on the eve of October 9 1997.

At the conclusion of the conference, the 70 parliamentary participants of the Annual Forum unanimously adopted an Action Agenda to signify their commitment to Crafting Lasting Peace. ★

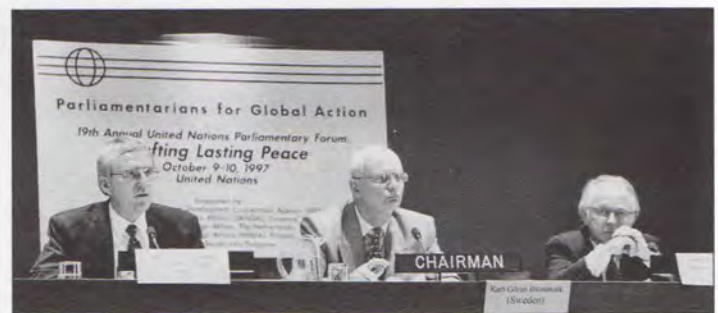
L-R: Mr. Lincoln Gordon, Guest Scholar, The Brookings Institution; Amb. Olara A. Otunnu, Special Rep. of the UN Sec'y-Gen. for Children and Armed Conflict; Mr. Allan Rogers, MP (United Kingdom).



L-R: Ms Bella Abzug, President, WEDO and Sen. Margaret Reynolds (Australia)



Luncheon Speakers Day 2. At L: H.E. Amb. Muhammed Sacirbey, Perm. Rep. of the Mission of Bosnia Herzegovina to the UN; At R: Amb. Aldo Ajello, Special EU Envoy to the Great Lakes Region



Above Left L-R: Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Sec'y-Gen.; H.E. Amb. Hans Jacob Biörn Lian, Permanent Rep. of Norway to the UN; Mr. Sten Rylander, Assistant Director-General, Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA); Mr. Karl-Göran Biörnsmark, MP (Sweden); Amb. Torben Brylle, Under Sec'y-Gen. for Multilateral Affairs, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DANIDA); Amb. Jaap Ramaker, Permanent Rep. of The Netherlands to the UN; Mr. Moses Katjuongua, MP (Namibia) and PGA Int'l Pres. **Above Right L-R:** Mr. Sten Rylander, Assistant Director-General, SIDA; Mr. Karl-Göran Biörnsmark, MP (Sweden); Amb. Torben Brylle, Under Sec'y-Gen. for Multilateral Affairs, DANIDA

Forum on Crafting Lasting Peace (continued)



The Second Annual Defender of Democracy Awards Ceremony. *Above Left L-R:* Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Sec'y-Gen.; Mr. Moses Katjiuongua, MP (Namibia) and PGA Int'l Pres.; Mrs Nane Annan, First Lady of the UN, Honorary Patron; Mr. David Robinson; Ms. Ann Margaret Robinson; H.E. Mr. Arthur N.R. Robinson, President (Republic of Trinidad and Tobago); Mrs. Patricia Robinson. *Above Right L-R:* H.E. Mr. Arthur N.R. Robinson, President (Republic of Trinidad and Tobago); Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Sec'y-Gen.; Mr. Moses Katjiuongua, MP (Namibia) and PGA Int'l Pres. *At Left L-R:* Dr. A. Moyeen Khan, MP (Bangladesh); Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Sec'y-Gen.; H.E. Amb. Jaap Ramaker, Permanent Rep. of the Netherlands to the UN



Above L-R: Mr. Allan Rogers, MP (United Kingdom); Mr. Robert Bowie, former Eisenhower staff officer; Amb. Marshall McCallie, US African Crisis Response Initiative, former US Ambassador to Namibia



At Left: Group Picture, 1997 Annual Parliamentary Forum, "Crafting Lasting Peace," October 9-10 at the United Nations



Above Left: At the Working Group on the Great Lakes Region
L-R: Mr. Abdou Charfo Alginy, MP (Niger); Ms. Theresa Ameley Tagoe, MP (Ghana); Mr. Jeston Dickson Mulando, MP (Zambia); Amb. Aldo Ajello, EU Envoy to the Great Lakes Region; Mr. Moses Katjuongua, MP (Namibia) and PGA Int'l Pres.

Above Right: L-R: Ms. Ayaka Suzuki, PGA Senior Program Officer; Mr. Moses Katjuongua, MP (Namibia) and PGA Int'l Pres.; Ms. Elena Poptodorova, MP (Bulgaria); Mr. Joost Hiltermann, Human Rights Watch; Sen. Ernesto Maceda (Philippines)

At Left: At the Session on the Arms Trade L-R: 1st row: Mr. Theo Meyer, MP (Switzerland); Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand). **2nd row:** Mr. Aftab Shahban Mirani, MP (Pakistan); Ms. Dianne Yates, MP (New Zealand); Mr. Jeston D. Mulando, MP (Zambia). **3rd row:** Mr. Manuel Pinto, MP (Uganda); Ms. Lena Klevenäs, MP (Sweden)



At the Working Group on South Asia from front L (around table): Mr. Allan Rogers, MP (United Kingdom); Ms. Farida Ali, UNICEF; Dr. K.K. Bhargava, Convenor, CASAC; Mr. Karl-Göran Biörsmark, MP (Sweden); Mr. Mian Abdul Waheed, MP (Pakistan); Mr. David Phillips, Executive Director, IICTR, Columbia U.; Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand); Dr. A. Moyeen Khan, MP (Bangladesh); Mr. K.G. Maheshwarappa, MP (India); Mr. Pramod Mahajan, MP (India); Ms. Margaret Alva, MP (India); Mr. M.A. Baby, MP (India); Mr. Aftab Shahban Mirani, MP (Pakistan); an observer.

peace & democracy program

Program Chair:

~Mr. Theo Meyer, NR (Switzerland)

Task Forces on Peace & Democracy (deployed in 1997)

Africa

~Dep. Ibrahima Fall (Senegal),
Convenor

~Ms. Sirpa Pietikäinen, MP (Finland),
Deputy Convenor

South & Southeast Asia

~Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand), Convenor

~Dr. A. Moyeen Khan, MP (Bangladesh), Deputy Convenor

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~Mr. Gilbert Martin, Consultant, Burundi

If the early 1990's demonstrated a ray of hope with the sweeping "third wave of democratization," the year 1997 seemed to symbolize the limits of democratic transitional processes. The democratic façade in Cambodia crumbled violently with the unilateral seizure of power by Second Co-Prime Minister, Hun Sen, on July 5-6. PGA sprang into action by convening a Press Briefing at the United Nations to highlight the perspectives of Cambodian parliamentarians from different political parties. It also circulated a Parliamentary Appeal, signed by 140 parliamentarians in 31 countries, condemning the unilateral seizure of power and calling for the safety of parliamentarians.

The challenge of advancing democratic transition was not limited to Cambodia. In Burundi, where PGA has been engaged since 1994, there was no real progress since the coup d'état staged by Major Pierre Buyoya in June 1996. The peace talks seemed to revive when President Buyoya agreed to come to a Multi-Party Peace Talk, mediated by Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, in Arusha in August. It was to be the first multi-party dialogue and the first at which the Speaker of the Parliament, PGA Member H.E. Mr. Léonce Ngendakumana, was to participate. PGA sent a delegation to observe the Talks as well as to provide Mr. Ngendakumana with a neutral platform from which to highlight the role of parliament in conflict management and resolution in Burundi. However, the government of Buyoya withdrew from the Talks at the last minute, leading to a stalemate in the Peace Talks amidst the increasing tension between Burundi and

Tanzania. Elsewhere in the Great Lakes region, the fall of the Mobutu government to the Laurent-Désire Kabila-led AFDL in June 1997 indicated the tremendous shift in the power dynamics of the countries in the volatile Great Lakes Region. In February, 1997, PGA organized a Strategy Session on Burundi in Cape Town, South Africa. This intensive meeting attended by both major parties (FRODEBU and UPRONA) highlighted the new level of acrimonious relationship between the two parties at the peace process. PGA was disappointed to note the hardened positions by both parties. Despite efforts by senior African elder politicians, both parties registered reservations on key principles of the Declaration.

In 1997, PGA also began the process of operationalizing its network of parliamentarians as an effective instrument for conflict prevention, management, and resolution. PGA organized a high-level Consultation with UN diplomats and senior Secretariat officials to explore mechanisms through which PGA's work on conflict management could be linked with the UN's peace-making activities. PGA also organized a historic Forum on "Crafting Lasting Peace"—vividly recalling the failed efforts to achieve a lasting peace in many recent examples—at the United Nations on October 9-10. (See pages 4-7).

Earlier in the year, PGA sent a delegation to Pakistan in late January-early February for the pre-election assessment in collaboration with the National Democratic Institute. As part of the team, PGA Executive Board member, Dr. A. Moyeen Khan,



At the Arusha State House. Top (L-R): Hon. Philip Marmo, MP and Deputy Speaker of Parliament (Tanzania); Mr. Manuel Pinto, MP (Uganda); Mr. Gilbert Martin, PGA Consultant. **Bottom (L-R):** Ms. Ayaka Suzuki, PGA Senior Program Officer; H.E. Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, Int'l Mediator on Burundi and former President of Tanzania; Ms. Naila Jiddawi, MP (Tanzania)

was stationed in Islamabad, the capital, and Quetta for the elections.

Given the virtual deadlock in the peace process, Mr. Theo Meyer, NR (Switzerland) and Dep. Ibrahima Fall (Senegal) carried out an informal assessment mission to Bujumbura, Burundi on November 15-20 and met with the National Assembly Speaker, H.E. Mr. Léonce Ngendakumana and other key political leaders in the country. The delegation concluded that the willingness to seek peace had increased since PGA's eighth mission in March 1996.

Advancing Peace and Democracy: 1997 at a Glance

Operationalizing the Task Force

- High-Level Diplomats-Experts Parliamentary Consultation, New York, NY (June 10)
- Forum on Crafting Lasting Peace, New York, NY (October 9-10)
- Formulation & dissemination of a questionnaire for Task Force membership development (Summer/Fall 1997)

Election Assistance/Monitoring (Pre-Conflict)

- A delegation to assess the pre-election situation and to monitor elections in Pakistan (January 27-February 6). Cooperating agency: National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Peace-making in the Great Lakes Region (Mid/Late Stage of Conflict)

- Strategy Session on Burundi, Cape Town, South Africa. (February 25)
- Close monitoring of developments in the former Zaire

- Exploratory preparations at the request of the UN to send an assessment mission to the Congo (Summer 1997)
- Session with Mr. Luc Rukingama, Foreign Minister of Burundi (July 13)
- Observation Mission to the Arusha Peace Talks, Arusha, Tanzania (August 25-27)
- Assessment Mission to Burundi, Bujumbura, Burundi (November 17-20)

Parliamentary Press Briefings

- Press Conference on the situation in Cambodia (July 31 1997)
Cooperating Agencies: United Nations Correspondents' Association; International Human Rights Law Group

Parliamentary Appeals (Pre-Conflict/Early Stage of Conflict)

- Parliamentary Appeal on Restoring Democracy in Cambodia (July)
- Parliamentary Appeal on Safeguarding Democracy in Kenya (July). ★

APPEAL FOR THE SAFETY OF CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE

In its meeting on August 1, PGA Executive Board became alarmed upon learning that its member Ms. Charity Kaluki Ngilu, MP (Kenya) and the 1997 Presidential Candidate, was attacked by a machete during her presidential campaign. They resolved immediately to circulate a parliamentary appeal calling for the safety of all the candidates running for office. The Kenya appeal was signed by 177 parliamentarians from 19 countries and the European Parliament.



At the Consultation in New York, June 10 1997, which created the Task Force on Peace and Democracy. L-R: Mr. Shaukat Fareed, Director and Deputy to Under-Sec'y-Gen., Humanitarian Affairs Dept.; Minister Peter Maurer, Chargé d'affaires, Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the UN; Mr. Cord Meier-Klodt, Counselor, Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN; Mr. Theo Meyer, MP (Switzerland); H.E. Amb. Juan Somavia, Permanent Rep. of the Mission of Chile to the UN



L-R: Dr. Manto Tshabalala, Deputy Minister of Justice (South Africa); Ms. Elena Poptodorova, MP (Bulgaria); Mr. Moses Katjuongua, MP (Namibia) and PGA Int'l Pres.



At the Cambodian Press Briefing: L-R (facing camera): Mr. Moses Katjuongua, MP (Namibia) and PGA Int'l Pres.; Mr. Kem Sokha, MP (Cambodia), BLDP party; Mr. Tan Pekphov, interpreter for Ms. Nin Saphon, MP (Cambodia), CPP party, who spoke to reporters via telephone

economic revitalization program

Program Convenor:

~Dr. A. Moyeen Khan, MP (Bangladesh)

Acknowledgement:

~Rep. Gary Ackerman (USA) former Convenor
~Rep. Esteban Torres (USA) former Convenor

Host Committee:

~Hon. Sen. Ernesto Maceda, President of the Senate (Philippines)
~Hon. José de Venecia, Jr., Speaker, House of Representatives (Philippines)
~Mr. Miguel Romero, MP (Philippines)

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~Mr. Thierry Noyelle, Consultant
~Mr. David Payton, Consultant
~Ms. May Harewood, Conference Coordinator
~Mr. Michael Agbeko, Conference Associate

Our Economic Revitalization program made great advancements in 1997. On May 30-31 1997, PGA convened the Asian Regional Forum on Economic Revitalization. This Forum was the first of four regional meetings planned as a follow-up to the 1995 conference "Reviving the Global Economy" which represented the first inter-parliamentary dialogue about the benefits and challenges of privatization. Forty parliamentarians attended from 14 Asian countries and discussed issues with experts from international financial institutions. The Forum was funded by the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank and the Government of Denmark and was hosted by the Philippines National Group, the Honorable Ernesto E. Maceda, President, Senate of the Philippines, the Honorable Jose de Venecia, Speaker, House of Representatives

An opening statement was given by His Excellency President Fidel V. Ramos of the Republic of the

"The future will prove more and more convincingly that democracy and open markets go together, and that parliamentarianism will increasingly prove its efficacy in promoting economic development and social progress in all nations."

H.E. President Fidel V. Ramos, Philippines.

Philippines. President Ramos emphasized the necessity of social reforms to sustain positive public-private partnerships and a more productive economy. He described the pillars of a policy climate conducive to development as: competitive markets; investment in people; liberalized flow of capital, goods and services; and economic cooperation and interdependence. He also emphasized his belief that democratic traditions and parliamentarianism are essential in promoting economic development and social progress.

The Forum was a monumental success as it allowed for the free exchange of ideas and experiences. Legislators shared examples of privatization endeavors in their own countries thereby enabling others to profit from past experience. Key speaker, Mr. Bong Suh Lee, Vice President, West Region Asian Development Bank, spoke on the requirements for an attractive environment for privatization in the Asian Pacific region. Mr. Owaaise Saadat of the World Bank spoke on the government reform necessary to achieve successful privatization and



His Excellency President Fidel V. Ramos, (Philippines) delivers the keynote address at the Forum on Economic Revitalization in Manila. At table, L-R: Mr. Miguel Romero, MP (Philippines); Hon José de Venecia, Jr., Speaker of the Philippines Parliament; Sen. Ernesto Maceda (Philippines); Mr. Moses Katjuongua, MP (Namibia) and PGA Int'l Pres.; Dr. A. Moyeen Khan, MP (Bangladesh); Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Sec'y-Gen.

Mr. Lakshmi Mittal, Chairman of ISPAT International, presented examples of ISPAT's transformation of public steel plants into efficient, privately run businesses.

Participants agreed on a number of cornerstone issues concerning privatization, notably: the need for a transparent privatization process; the importance of guaranteeing a fair distribution of shares; the necessity of an enabling environment for private investment; and the role of parliament in establishing regulations for the process of privatization and for the privatized entities themselves. ★



Above top: Mr. Owaaise Saadat (World Bank), Keynote Speaker. **Above bottom:** Mr. Murlid Deora, former PGA Int'l Pres.; Mr. Lakshmi Mittal, Chairman, ISPAT International



Parliamentarians for Global Action group with Philippines President Fidel V. Ramos

"In your hands lie the two most critical elements for success, that is, setting the rules of the game for privatization and the political will to push it forward."

*Dr. Bong-Suh Lee,
Asian Development Bank*

At the Forum in Manila. At Left Top, L-R: Hon. Miguel Romero, MP (Philippines); Hon. Moses Katjiuongua, MP (Namibia) and PGA Int'l Pres.; Mr. Bong-Suh Lee, Vice President, Asian Development Bank; Hon. Dr. A. Moyeen Khan, MP (Bangladesh); Ms. Shazia Raft, PGA Sec'y-Gen.

At Left Bottom, L-R: Hon. Moses Katjiuongua, MP (Namibia) and PGA Int'l Pres.; President Fidel V. Ramos (Philippines); Ms. Shazia Raft, PGA Sec'y-Gen.

**pga
members &
activities
worldwide**

New York City, U.S.A.:

- Participation in the third, fourth and fifth United Nations Preparatory Committees for the Establishment of an International Criminal Court (ICC) (February-August)
- High-Level Diplomats-Experts-Parliamentarian Consultation (June 10)
- Parliamentary luncheon discussion on the ICC and International Institute for Democratic and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) (July)
- Session with Mr. Luc Rukingama, Foreign Minister of Burundi (July 13)
- Parliamentary Appeals (Pre-Conflict/Early Stage of Conflict) presented to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan (August 1)
- Formulation and dissemination of a questionnaire for Task Force membership development (Summer/Fall)
- Forum on *Crafting Lasting Peace* (October 9-10)
- Publication of *Women Legislators in Action: Weaving the Future Together* (December)

Washington, D.C., U.S.A.:

- Regular participation in Great Lakes Policy Forum
- USAID conference on *Promoting Democracy, Human Rights, and Reintegration in Post-Conflict Societies* (October 30-31)

PGA Membership in the Americas:

Argentina*	Haiti*
Barbados	Jamaica
Bolivia	Mexico*
Brazil*	Panama
Canada*	Paraguay
Chile	Trinidad & Tobago
Colombia	United States
Costa Rica	Uruguay
Dominican Republic	Venezuela

PGA's 1997
Membership by
Country
* Denotes Multi-Party
PGA National Groups

★ PGA's Areas of Involvement
During 1997

Amsterdam, The Netherlands:
Participation in the European Conference on Conflict Prevention, *From Early Warning to Early Action* (February 27-28)

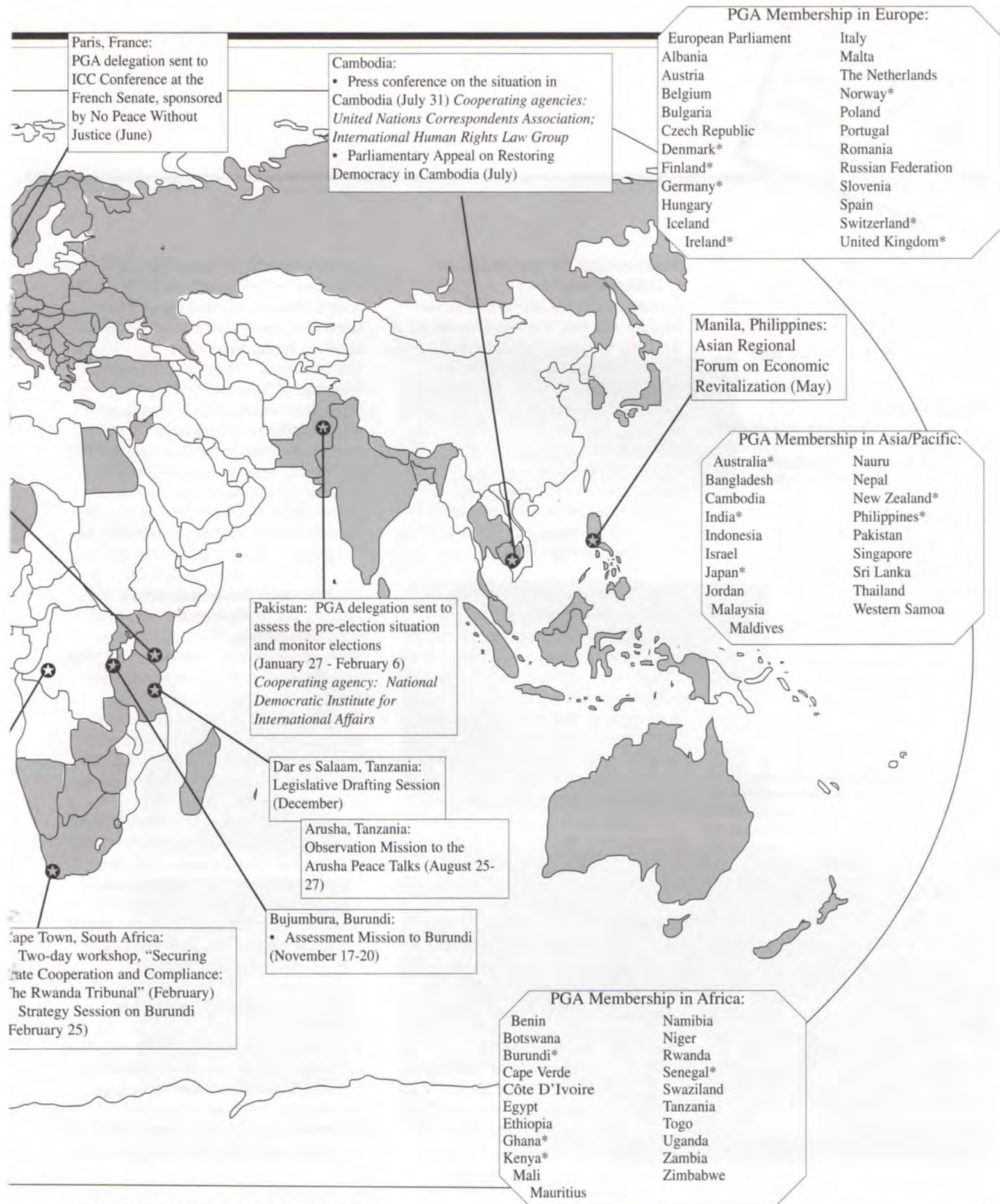
Kenya:
Parliamentary Appeal on Safeguarding Democracy in Kenya (July)

West Africa:
Evaluation and research of the status of population-related policies in West Africa (Spring/Summer)

Dakar, Senegal:
Delegation to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) initiative (March)

Accra, Ghana:
Workshop, *Implementing the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Agenda* (December)

Congo:
• Close monitoring of events in the former Democratic Republic of Zaire/Congo
• Exploratory preparations, at the request of the UN, to send an assessment mission to Congo (Summer)



international law & human rights program

Program Convenor:

~Hon. A.N.R. Robinson, Prime Minister (Trinidad and Tobago) until his election as President in March 1997.

~Dr. Herta Däubler Gmelin, MdB (Germany)

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~Hon. Philip Marmo, Deputy Speaker (Tanzania)

~Mr. James Orengo, MP (Kenya)

~Mr. Gianfranco Dell'Alba, MEP (Italy)

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~Ms. Begoña Esteller, Program Associate

At the workshop "Security State Cooperation and Compliance: The Ad-hoc Tribunals" (February 24-25 1997, South Africa). L-R: Mr. James Orengo, MP (Kenya), Deputy Chair of the International Law Program; Mr. Gianfranco Dell'Alba, MP (Italy); HE Arthur N. R. Robinson, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago



Mechanisms for International Criminal Justice

The demands for an international trial for Pol Pot, the establishment of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda in 1993 and 1994 respectively, and the high level discussion at the United Nations on the establishment of a permanent International Criminal Court (ICC) have illustrated that the days when perpetrators of ethnic cleansing and architects of mass slaughter can act with impunity are drawing to a close.

PGA Fosters State Compliance with Ad Hoc Tribunals:

Parliamentarians For Global Action has made it a priority of its program on international law in 1997 to foster state cooperation with the Ad Hoc Tribunals with a view to the establishment of a permanent ICC. With support of the Ford Foundation, PGA held a regional Parliamentary Conference in Africa entitled "Securing State Cooperation and Compliance: The Ad Hoc Tribunals" in Cape Town, South Africa on February 24-25, 1997, in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice through PGA member Dr. Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, MP and Deputy Minister of Justice (South Africa).

Supporting the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

The conference brought together distinguished members of government,

parliamentarians, and high-level Tribunal representatives. Fifty parliamentarians from 14 African countries discussed governments obligations to cooperate with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). Difficult questions, such as the potential for inequality in punishment imposed by national courts and the Tribunal, specifically the death penalty, were heatedly debated in the final drafting of an action plan. However, the final plan was eventually signed by all the participants.

Justice Laity Kama delivered a message to the workshop on behalf of H.E. Kofi Annan, United Nations Secretary-General, commending PGA and the Government of South Africa for the role they have played in bringing together these important discussions at a crucial moment in history of the Rwanda Tribunal. The Inaugural address was delivered by the long standing Chair of PGA's International Law and Human Rights Program, the newly elected President of Trinidad and Tobago, H.E. Arthur N. R. Robinson. Hon. Dullah Omar, Minister of Justice, South Africa delivered the keynote address, which emphasized the importance of state cooperation with the ICTR.

Follow up Drafting Session in Tanzania

The first follow-up legislative drafting session was held on 5-6 December 1997 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Twenty-five Parliamentarians, Governmental Officials and Tribunal representatives formed a small draft-

ing committee to continue the work and agreed to enact the legislation in early 1998.

Establishment of a Permanent International Criminal Court: The Road to Rome

PGA is one of five steering committee members in the Coalition for an International Criminal Court (CICC). Pressure from the CICC and the hard work of progressive governments have been key to the rapid progress on the creation of permanent ICC in 1997. During the year, the United Nations Preparatory Committee held three two-week sessions that saw continued progress toward creating a single, widely accepted text of a convention for an ICC. PGA will continue in 1998 to work toward an independent, fair and effective court.

Conference in Paris

In June 1997, a PGA delegation attended a conference on the establishment of an ICC launched by No Peace Without Justice (NPWJ) at the French Senate. Speaking on behalf of PGA, Dr. Herta Däubler-Gmelin, International Law & Human Rights Program, MdB (Germany) urged parliamentarians to advocate for the ICC by addressing the public, adopting national legislation and initiating legislation for a permanent ICC.

Luncheon in New York

PGA also organized a Special Parliamentary Luncheon in New York on July 30 1997, which included presentations on the establishment of a permanent ICC as well as PGA's partner agency, Institute for

Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA). Mr. Paul Rantao, MP (Botswana) addressed the need to support the work of the Ad Hoc Tribunals in relation to the establishment of a permanent ICC.

Annual Forum

In November, David Scheffer, US Ambassador for War Crimes Issues opened PGA's Annual United Nations Parliamentary Session with an overview of the work of the Ad Hoc Tribunals to over 70 parliamentarians from 38 Countries. ★



Above Left: Dr. Herta Däubler-Gmelin, MdB (Germany). **Above Right:** Mr. Paul Rantao, MP (Botswana) addressing the Special Parliamentary Luncheon in New York on July 30 1997



Above Left: Mr. David Scheffer, US Ambassador-at-large for War Crimes Issues, at PGA's Annual Forum. **Above Right:** Col. Mjengwa, MP (Tanzania); Hon. Amb. Ahmed Hassan Diria, MP (Tanzania)



Seminar in Tanzania on Cooperation with the ICTR (December 5-6, 1997).
Top row L-R: Mr. Juna J. Akukweti, MP; Ms. Tanya Karanasios, PGA; Mr. Ali Musa, MP; Mr. Mutamwega Mgaywa, MP; Prof. Daimon Mwaga; Col. Mjengwa, MP; Mr. Lushagara, Chief Parliamentary Draftsman; Ms. Prisca Nyambe, Senior Legal Officer (ICTR); Mr. F. M. Mboya, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons; Mr. Ole Njolay, Arusha Regional Commissioner; Ms. Elizabeth Ibanda-Nahamya, Associate Legal Advisor; Hon. Dr. Jacob Msina, MP; Mr. Stanley Kinuno, MP. **Bottom Row L-R:** Mr. J. Sagasii, Speaker's Office; Judge William Sekule (ICTR); Hon. Amb. Ahmed Hassan Diria, MP; Hon. Philip Marmo, Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chair of International Law Program; Ms. Naila Majid Jiddawi, MP; Mr. Onel Malisa, Principal Commissioner of Prisons

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As a direct result of the ideas developed in the process of preparing for and participating in the UN International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), PGA initiated a pilot population program in West Africa that focuses on enhancing and strengthening the role of parliamentarians in the implementation of the ICPD Program of Action. In addition, the program brings together Anglophone and Francophone Africa. The three year regional initiative is supported by the Rockefeller Foundation and The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

During the first phase of the program, PGA Senior Advisor Dr. Fred Sai, past-President of the International Planned Parenthood Federation and an internationally recognized authority on population and family planning, evaluated population-related policies and the role of the parliamentary committees in population and development in Ghana and Senegal. As part of the assessment process, Dép. Ibrahima Fall (Senegal) and PGA Executive Committee member, participated in a United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) initiative in Dakar, Senegal on March 12-15 1997.

In order to develop and instigate coordinated action on the part of the Senegalese and Ghanaian parliamentary committees on population

“This program could not be more timely...this is a time when neighboring nations are suffering from great instability. We need to incite our neighbors to take strong measures on population.”
*Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, First
Deputy Speaker (Ghana)*

and development, PGA and the Parliament of Ghana held a workshop on “Implementing the ICPD Agenda” on December 4-5 1997 in Accra, Ghana. Attended by sixty-one participants from eight different

countries, the workshop brought together parliamentary committees, government ministers, representatives from multilateral organizations, NGO activists and experts from the field.

Workshop Results

- The Speaker of Parliament (Ghana) recognized the Ghanaian Parliamentary Committee on Population and declared his intention of institutionalizing the committee within parliament.
- The workshop highlighted the urgency of population-related issues and mobilized the political will to act.
- The workshop showed that population-related issues are a bi-partisan topic that can unite the opposition and majority parties.
- The attendance of non-governmental and multilateral organizations illustrated the constructive interaction that could take place between these institutions.

PGA Members, Ms. Theresa Ameley Tagoe, MP (Ghana) and Member, PGA International Council, and Ms.



*Dr. Fred
Sai, Senior
Advisor.
PGA*

Theresa Fofie, MP (Ghana) organized the workshop and mobilized strong bi-partisan support for the program. The widely-attended event included a dinner and reception hosted by the Vice-President of Ghana. Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, First Deputy Speaker (Ghana), opened the two-day event with a call to use the workshop as a "platform for critical self-appraisal;" while the Deputy Speaker of Senegal, Hon. Moustapha Ka, highlighted the urgency of cooperating on population-related issues in the West African region. The Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana, Hon. Justice D. F. Annan, emphasized the important role of parliamentarians in implementing the commitments made in Cairo.

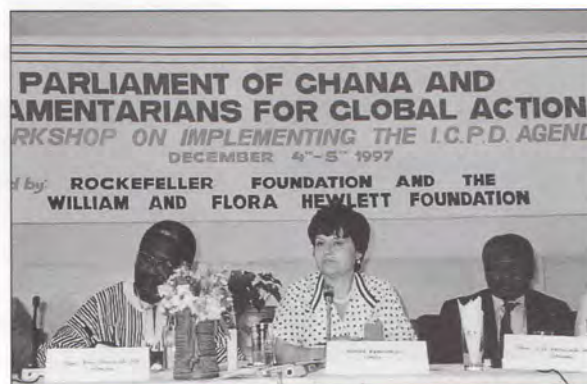
"Parliamentarians specifically have many important roles to play in helping to implement the Cairo Agenda...above all, they should mobilize their constituents for their own reproductive health care."

Dr. Fred Sai, Senior Advisor, PGA

In a dynamic key-note address, Dr. Sai analyzed the history leading up to Cairo, the significant advances made at the conference and the role of parliamentarians in applying these issues on a national level. A follow-up workshop will be held in Dakar, Senegal to review progress and develop a second-phase Plan of Action. ★



Ms. Theresa Ameley Tagoe, MP (Ghana)



L-R: Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, First Deputy Speaker (Ghana); Dép. Houda Kanoun, (Tunisia); Mr. J.H. Mensah, Minority Leader, MP (Ghana)



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Charting Women's Advancement

PGA sought to capture the vision of Ms. Charity Kaluki Ngilu (*see box*) by launching its quarterly women's bulletin, "Women Legislators in Action: Weaving the Future Together" in December 1997 with a grant from the Ford Foundation. The bulletin chronicles PGA's women members' initiatives that build on the Beijing Platform for Action. It serves as a catalyst for further action, and informs PGA members, inter-governmental agencies, NGOs, and academic institutions about gender equality measures.

"Our most important resource is ourselves: our ideas, our vision for the future."

Ms. Charity Kaluki Ngilu, MP (Kenya), Presidential Candidate for Kenya 1997, Empowerment of Women Program Convenor

Women's Political Participation

"Rarely do we see a woman seated at the peace table deciding issues of life and death. I mean, we've done everything in pairs since Noah except govern, and its time that we did something about that," proclaimed Ms. Bella Abzug, President, WEDO, during a panel on the "Role of Women in Peace-making, Peace-keeping, and Peace-building," chaired by Senator Margaret Reynolds (Australia) at PGA's 19th Annual Parliamentary Forum in October 1997. Ms. Margaret Alva, MP (India) and Senator A. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada) echoed this view as they explained why women's participation is necessary to the peace process.

Hon. Betty Okwir, Deputy Speaker of Uganda, urged women to use all measures. "Climb in from the windows" if doors to decision-making spheres remain shut, she suggested, at PGA's dinner on "Strategizing for Women's Political Leadership" (held as part of the PGA workshop,

"Implementing the ICPD Agenda" in Accra, Ghana, from 4-5 December 1997).

Strengthening women's political leadership and

development will remain a key principle in PGA's Empowerment of Women Program in 1998 and beyond.

Madame President ? / Madame Secretary-General?

In 1997, two of PGA's women members began their bid for the presidency in their respective countries. Ms. Charity K. Ngilu, MP (Kenya), waged a spirited and active campaign in an attempt to become Kenya's first woman president. Sen. Leticia Ramos Shahani (Philippines) fought a hard battle amongst many hopefuls in the Philippines for the post of Secretary-General. Despite their losses, Ms. Ngilu and Sen. Shahani are proof that PGA women are indeed breaking the "glass ceiling." ★



Presentation of the PGA Resolution on Increasing the Participation of Women in Peace-Making Activities, November 1997.

L-R: Ms. Ayaka Suzuki, Senior Program Officer; Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Sec'y-Gen.; Sen. Margaret Reynolds (Australia); H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, UN Sec'y-Gen.; Ms. Margaret Alva, MP (India)



PGA's 19th Annual Forum panel on "Role of Women in Peace-making, Peace-keeping and Peace Building. L-R:

Ms. Bella Abzug, President, WEDO; Sen. Margaret Reynolds (Australia); Ms. Margaret Alva, MP (India); Sen. A. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada)

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Above: At the International Council Meeting

"It is very important to me to be part of the UN Committee for an organization whose activities are based on the principle that the capacity of democratic governance can be increased through a process of shared experience. NGO's are often the first to alert the international community to impending humanitarian crises and inevitably at the forefront of any response."

Catherine Dumait Harper, UN Liaison Officer, Medecins Sans Frontières; Member, UN Committee for PGA



At the lunch honoring the UN Committee for PGA, August 1 1997. Top L-R: H.E. Mr. Jan Beitelins, acting Permanent Rep. of the Netherlands to the UN; Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Sec'y-Gen.; Mr. David Phillips, Director, ICTR, Columbia U.; Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand); Mr. Syed Fakhr Imam, MP (Pakistan); H.E. Amb. David N. Mwakawago, Permanent Rep. of the Republic of Tanzania to the UN.
Bottom: Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed, Associate Administrator, UNDP, addressing the participants

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"Through tackling burning issues of the day, such as the Great Lakes Region of Africa, the PGA UN Committee has managed to bring Parliamentarians from different countries closer to the United Nations; this factor augers well for the future of humankind."

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the statement of financial position of Parliamentarians for Global Action as of December 31, 1997 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated February 17, 1998 we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed financial statements is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements from which it has been derived.

Winnie Tam & Co., P.C.

New York, New York
February 17 1998

**EXHIBIT A
PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 487,469
Investments	246,678
Accrued interest receivable	1,704
Grants and contribution receivable	175,546
Other receivable	2,041
Prepaid expenses	2,175

Total Current Assets **\$ 915,613**

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation of \$ 154,380	11,834
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Other Assets

Security deposits	14,638
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Total Assets **\$ 942,085**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Current Liability

Accounts and accrued expenses payable	41,406
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Other Liability

Tenants security deposits payable	2,600
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Total Liabilities **44,006**

NET ASSETS

Net Assets-Unrestricted	429,757
Net Assets-Temporarily Restricted	468,322

Total Net Assets **898,079**

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$ 942,085**

EXHIBIT B
PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION
ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1997

	Temporarily Unrestricted	Restricted	Total All Funds
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Contributions - foundations	\$ 67,000	\$387,048	\$454,048
Contributions - individuals	913		913
Contributions - U.N. and government	216,510	888,109	1,104,619
Contributions - institutions		5,320	5,320
Direct mail	16,264		16,264
Membership dues	14,357		14,357
Rent income (net of direct rental expenses of \$9,396)	1,854		1,854
Interest income	22,169		22,169
Other	305	-	305
Total Support and Revenue	339,372	1,280,477	1,619,849
Net assets released from restrictions			
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	1,006,818	(1,006,818)	-
Total Support and Revenue	1,346,190	273,659	1,619,849
EXPENSES			
Program Services			
Democracy	403,994		403,994
International Law	63,793		63,793
Sustainable Development/Empowerment of Women	142,961		142,961
Economic Revitalization	123,200		123,200
Total Program Services	733,948		733,948
Supporting Services			
Administrative and general	193,074		193,074
Fund raising	27,636		27,636
Total Supporting Services	220,710		220,710
Total Expenses	954,658	-	954,658
Change in net Assets	391,532	273,659	665,191
Net Assets as of December 31, 1996	38,225	194,663	232,888
Net Assets as of December 31, 1997	\$ 429,757	\$468,322	\$ 898,079

about pga

Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) was established in 1979 by concerned parliamentarians from around the world to take joint action on global problems which could not be solved by any one government or parliament. While its initial focus was on disarmament issues, Global Action today works on an expanded list of global issues such as democracy, sustainable development, empowerment of women, economic reform, and international law.

PGA is an association of individual parliamentarians that is action-oriented with specific programs under the political direction of parliamentarian Board members. This structure allows Global Action to effectively push policies at the national and international levels.

With a membership of only elected officials, PGA members bring to the table authority on behalf of their constituents and a responsibility to them as well. It gives PGA a greater authority on policy matters vis-a-vis the executive branches of government and vis-a-vis civil society.

PGA includes in its membership a concentration of high-level politicians, including Prime Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, and Chairs of Finance, Foreign Affairs, Population, Health, and Defense Committees. Many of PGA's members leave parliament for higher government posts such as the President of Iceland, President of Botswana, former Prime Minister and President of Trinidad & Tobago, and Vice President of Dominican Republic. Also, as an NGO of parliamentarians, PGA is able to create effective partnerships

with civil society groups, thereby enhancing the role of parliamentarians as the intervening link between civil society and executive authority. PGA's programs on women, a nuclear free world, and international law work in close cooperation with leading NGOs in these fields.

PGA also has had an extremely effective track record with inter-governmental agencies such as the UN Secretariat UNDP, UNIFEM, UNESCO, UNICEF, International IDEA and the World Bank. PGA's guiding principle of bringing the input of key players from both government and opposition and its close working relationship with members serving on relevant parliamentary committees makes it an invaluable agency for the negotiation and implementation of any successful policy. ★

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