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**In Defense of Human Dignity:
Striking the Balance of Peace and Justice**

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United Nations
Conference Room #1

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Agenda

Day I: October 1, 1998

9:00 – 9:45 Registration (*United Nations Visitors' Lobby: 46th Street and 1st Avenue*)

10:00 – 12:00

Opening Session

Venue: United Nations Conference Room #1

- ◆ Welcome Remarks by PGA President, Mr. Moses K. Katjuongua, MP (Namibia)
- ◆ Opening Remarks by Mr. Warren Allmand, President, International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development
- ◆ Inaugural Speech by H.E. Ms. Louise Frechette, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General
- ◆ Keynote Speech by Dr. Dullah Omar, MP, Minister of Justice, The Republic of South Africa

12:00 – 13:00

Session I: Striking the Balance of Peace and Justice in Peace Negotiations

Panel Discussion

Chair: Mr. Allan Rogers, MP (United Kingdom)

Speakers: Commissioner Emma Bonino, Commissioner for Humanitarian Affairs, European Commission

Dip. Dante Caputo (Argentina), Former Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Former UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Haiti
Hon. Mosé Tjitendero, Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia

13:15 – 13:30 Group Photograph (Conference Room #1)

13:30 – 15:00 No Scheduled Lunch

15:00 – 18:00

Session II: Establishing a Permanent International Criminal Court

- ◆ Brief Overview of the Preparatory Process
- ◆ Strengths and Weaknesses of the Statutes
- ◆ Gender Perspectives on the International Criminal Court
- ◆ Rome Negotiations

Chair: Mr. Warren Allmand, President, International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development

Speakers: Mr. Philippe Kirsch, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada
Mr. Richard Dicker, Associate Legal Counsel, Human Rights Watch
Ms. Barbara Bedont, International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development

19:00 – 22:00

***Defender of Democracy Awards Ceremony and Dinner
United Nations Delegates Dining Room (by invitation)***

Defender of Democracy Awards Honorees:

Prof. Cherif Bassiouni
Ms. Charity Kaluki Ngilu, MP (Kenya)

Also honoring
the Late Bella Abzug
with the PGA Lifetime Achievement Award

Day II: October 2, 1998

9:30 – 11:30

***Session III: Ending Impunity: Mechanisms for Enforcement Part I
International Approach***

Venue: United Nations Conference Room #1

- ◆ Ratification of the Treaty to Establish an International Criminal Court
- ◆ Future Steps

Panel Discussions

- Chair: Ms. Elena Poptodorova, MP (Bulgaria), Convenor, International Law & Human Rights Programme
- Speakers: Mr. Hans Corell, Under-Secretary-General, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations
Drs. Jan Hoekema, MP (The Netherlands)
Cong. Javier Diez-Canseco (Peru)

11:45 – 13:00

Session IV: *Ending Impunity: Mechanisms for Enforcement Part II*
National and Regional Approaches

- ◆ Truth Commissions/Commissions of Inquiry
- ◆ Truth & Reconciliation Commissions in Chile and South Africa
- ◆ United Nations Ad-Hoc Criminal Tribunals

- Chair: Sen. A. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada)
- Speakers: Amb. Muhamed Sacirbey, Permanent Representative of Bosnia-Herzegovina to the United Nations
Dip. Carlos Montes (Chile)
Ms. Tina Rosenberg, *The New York Times*

13:00 – 15:00

Luncheon Session: *Human Development: Economic & Development Rights*

Venue: United Nations Delegates Dining Room #6

- Speaker: H.E. Mr. Bo Göransson, Director General, Swedish International Development & Cooperation Agency

15:00 – 17:45

Session V: *Human Rights as a Basis for Conflict Prevention and Peace-Making*

Venue: Conference Room #1

- ◆ Is there a trade-off between achieving peace and human rights protection?
- ◆ How can human rights fit in failed states?
- ◆ What is the role of human rights in the democratization processes?
- ◆ What is the role of justice in the peace-making processes?

- Chair: Dr. A. Moyeen Khan, MP (Bangladesh), Former Minister of State for Planning
- Speakers: Prof. Roberto Garretón, Special Rapporteur of the United Nations for Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo (ex-Zaire)
Dip. Schafik Jorge Handal (El Salvador), MP, Leading Peace Negotiator of FMLN
Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Representative of Mrs. Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights; Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

17:45 – 18:00

Closing Session

Chair: Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP (Ghana), First Deputy Speaker of Parliament

Speakers: Theo Meyer, NR (Switzerland), Convenor, Peace & Democracy Programme
Bill Pace, Convenor, Coalition for an International Criminal Court