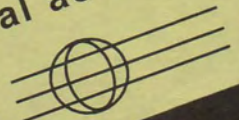


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It seems that the years go by faster and faster; already the year 2001 is almost upon us and I suspect too soon we will find it to be 2010 or 2050. Hopefully we will also notice an improvement in the world, not just because of scientific advancements or civic or international awareness, but also because of all our hard work to that end. PGA is an organization that has a great impact on the future, and I hope every member realizes this in the present and works now for what may seem to be that far-off future.

First off, let me explain for those of you who may not have heard why I am writing this report instead of Mr. Moses Katjuongua. Although he was elected to be PGA's president for two more years in 1998, he resigned from parliament on June 3, 1999 to run for President of Namibia. Moses will be greatly missed, not only because he was an outstanding President of PGA and a fine colleague, but also because he was a great friend. I was deeply honored that he requested I take his place as interim President of PGA.

This year PGA held its 21st Annual Forum entitled 'Eradicating Global Poverty' on September 29-30, which struggled with the heartbreaking and unnecessary issue of poverty. PGA also gave its 4th Annual Defender of Democracy Awards to Dr. Hanan Mikhail-Ashrawi, Secretary-General of the Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (MIFTAH); and Mr. John Hume, MP, MEP (Northern Ireland). Both of them

were recognized for their contributions towards ending highly complicated and long-standing conflicts within their respective countries. PGA also continued to strengthen its ties with US legislatures with a delegation to Congress and a reception at the Washington home of Stewart Mott on October 4-6.

As part of the Peace and Democracy Program, PGA held a briefing and discussion session on Haiti at the United Nations in New York on March 30; a luncheon discussion on East Timor also in New York on March 31; and a briefing of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs on 'Democratization in Africa' on April 1.

Additionally, PGA reaffirmed its original purpose of nuclear disarmament by creating the Parliamentary Network on Nuclear Disarmament, which has been working on the New Agenda Coalition.

For the Sustainable Development and Population Program, PGA held a workshop in New York on 'Meeting ICPD Commitments' in collaboration with Population Action International (PAI) on March 26; held a conference on the ICPD Agenda in Dakar, Senegal on April 19-21; and sent a delegation to The Hague International Forum on Population on February 8-14.

1999 also saw the beginning of PGA's Junior Parliamentary Officers program with the placement of Mr. Staffan Lindberg and Mr. Per Bjälkander, both from Sweden, in



Mr. Allan Rogers, MP (UK), PGA President.



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

Ghana and Senegal respectively, to assist with the Sustainable Development and Population Program work in those countries.

PGA's Empowerment of Women Program held a panel entitled 'If Women Ruled the World' on May 19 at The Hague Appeal for Peace Conference in the Netherlands. During 1999 the Program also launched Women In Legislation League (WILL), an online information resource for gender-related legislation.

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The International Law and Human Rights Program held two briefing sessions on ICC Ratification and Implementation, in collaboration with Prof. M. Cherif Bassiouni of the International Human Rights Law Institute of DePaul University, on July 31 and August 7 at the United Nations in New York. This stems from PGA's agreement with the Institute to provide technical assistance to select parliaments in facilitating the ICC ratification process. Additionally, as a member of the NGO Coalition for an International Criminal Court, we have launched a ratification campaign focusing on signatory countries that hold PGA membership.

PGA has accomplished a number of things in 1999 as can be seen above. I look forward to the work we will embark on in the year 2000 and beyond. ★

Results of the International Council and the Executive Board Meetings, October 1999

Dep. Marcelo Lopez Arias of Argentina, Hon. Naomi Chazan of Israel and Drs. Jan Hoekema of The Netherlands were named the new members of the Executive Board. They took the place of Mr. Moses Katjuongua, Mr. Theo Meyer and Dep. Houda Kanoun.

Mr. Katjuongua resigned to campaign for President in Namibia, Mr. Meyer retired from political office, and Dep. Kanoun has been appointed as Ambassador to Norway for Tunisia. Drs. Jan Hoekema was also named Chair of the Resource and Development Committee.

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21st Annual Parliamentary Forum: Eradicating Global Poverty; Parliamentary Action Agenda for the 21st Century

Mr. Allan Rogers, MP (UK), President of PGA, opened the organization's 21st Annual Forum by noting that globalization and other economic trends have contributed to great economic disparity. Mr. Lee Stringer, author of *Grand Central Winter: Stories from the Street*, stated that to eradicate material poverty we must first eradicate the spiritual poverty that leaves those without money feeling without value.

Financing for Development: Government and Private

The goal set by the United Nations of reducing poverty by half by the year 2015 seems ever more elusive as international assistance from wealthy countries to poorer countries is at its lowest point in twenty years. Amb. Ellen Margrethe Løj of Denmark suggested that developing countries could become more marketable to donors by rooting out corruption, making economic and institutional reforms and practicing good governance and respect for human rights.

Taxes

Innovative and progressive forms of taxation offer an alternative source of financing to combat poverty. The Tobin Tax, endorsed by the Canadian House of Commons, proposes a fee on international currency purchases or sales to be used

for development. This would stabilize currencies and generate a large fund for development initiatives. Critics argue that a transaction tax would make countries less competitive and have a negative impact on exports; that it would lead to centralization in the banking sector; and that it would have a low yield in stable, low inflation economies. However, Dep. Marcos Cintra stated that, in Brazil, the tax has proved evasion- and corruption-proof, requires minimal bureaucratic procedures and costs, causes no significant distortion in market procedures and generates revenue to fight poverty.

Reallocation of Existing Resources

Existing national resources could also be reallocated to better serve the poor—by defense conversion, for example, since military spending, takes up the bulk of most countries' national budgets. Dr. José Horacio Jaunarena, former Defense Minister of Argentina, explained how Argentina cut its military budget in half. His example suggests two lessons: the importance of public support, and the need for cooperation between the civilian government and the military.

Labor and Employment

Generating employment is another way to fight poverty. Dep. Ibrahima



September 30, 1999 Luncheon Speaker: Mr. Masood Ahmed, Vice President, The World Bank, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM) Network.



Signing PGA & UNDP's Joint Declaration on Poverty: L-R: Mr. Allan Rogers, MP (United Kingdom), PGA President; Mr. Djibril Diallo, Director, Division of Public Affairs, Bureau for Resources & External Affairs (UNDP).

Fall (Senegal) noted that a few years previously, labor codes which protected workers were liberalized to attract investors. Meanwhile, privatized state enterprises fell into the hands of foreign interests, who fired a lot of workers. Mr. Franklyn Lisk, of the International Labour Organization (ILO), stated that governments must keep employment as a central policy goal while conforming with internationally recognized worker rights. Ms. Marjorie Newman Williams, Deputy Director of UNICEF, said that the ILO had shown that the income earned from child labor was rapidly offset by the lost educational and social opportunities.

Realistic Assessments and Targeted Strategies

Governments must look beyond superficial statistics when assessing their work forces. For example, despite the economic boom in the United States, one person in eight lives below the poverty line. According to Dr. Julia Lopez, Director of Equal Opportunity at the Rockefeller Foundation, this is not only because people lack skills and education, but also because unskilled job opportunities are situated far away from the inner cities. Responses to poverty need to be targeted since it strikes minorities and women the hardest.

Gender and Poverty

According to Ms. Margaret Catley-Carlson, Former President of the Population Council, one cause of the feminization of poverty is that governments base family policies on a

set of myths: that everyone lives in a stable family; that men are the wage earners; and that children are protected and supported by their parents. She said that the single most effective way of combating poverty would be to focus attention on girls' education. In addition, Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM said customs and norms at the household level must be redressed and the 'casualization' of women's work must end. Women must be empowered to exploit new opportunities in new markets.

Alliances with Civil Society

In the developing world, micro-credit has been heralded as a way for the poor to lift themselves out of poverty. Lic. Ana S. de Kessler, Secretary of State for Small and Medium Enterprises, spoke of the importance of microbusiness in Argentina, especially for women. According to Dr. A. Moyeen Khan of Bangladesh, micro-credit had both economic and social benefits. Earning money turns women into decision makers in their families, even if the funds are quite small. Community-development NGOs could also speed development. For example, training provided by the Aga Khan Foundation in



Top: Ms. Faye Wattleton, President, Center for Gender Equality;
Bottom: Ms. Margaret Catley Carlson, Former President, Population Council.



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Forum on eradicating global poverty (continued)

the region between China, Pakistan and India has transformed the area by enabling villagers to organize and save money.

Debt and Debt Relief

Poverty alleviation is meaningless for nations trapped in a spiral of debt. According to Mr. Sadig Raheed of UNICEF, two thirds of countries surveyed spend twice as much on debt payment as on basic services. A world-wide advocacy movement called Jubilee 2000, which includes religious groups, development organizations and artists, has led a campaign for debt cancellation on practical as well as ethical grounds. Cong. Javier Diez-Canseco (Peru) suggested debt relief be linked to specific social policies, such as education, health, environment or micro-enterprise. Debt accrued by illicit regimes should be canceled and reallocated, and the civil sector should help decide on the use of newly freed funding.

Redefining the Problem

The UNDP Human Development Report attempts to replace income-defined poverty with a development-based perspective. Sen. Francisco Tatad (Philippines) suggested that the problem might not be the poor, but the rich. He predicted that in 2015 the rich countries would be full of old people with migrant populations from the third world supplying their labor force.

The power of information needs to be harnessed to combat misconceptions and prejudices. An example of this is Netaid, a joint UNDP initia-

tive which uses the latest technologies—web, TV, radio—for education and advocacy concerning poverty and debt relief, human rights and refugees.

Fourth Annual Defender of Democracy Awards

During the Forum, PGA held its Fourth Annual Defender of Democracy Awards Dinner in honor of Mr. John Hume, MP, MEP (Northern Ireland) and Dr. Hanan Mikhail-Ashrawi, Secretary General of the Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (MIFTAH). ★



*Dr. José Horacio Jaunarena,
Ex-Minister for Defense
(Argentina).*



Fourth Annual Defender of Democracy Awards Ceremony September 29, 1999. Awardees, Top: Mr. John Hume, MP, MEP (Northern Ireland); **Bottom:** Dr. Hanan Mikhail-Ashrawi, Founder of the Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (MIFTAH).



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Fourth Annual Defender of Democracy Awards Ceremony September 29, 1999. Front Row L-R: Dr. Hanan Mikhail-Ashrawi, Founder, MIFTAH; H.E. President Arthur N.R. Robinson, President of Trinidad and Tobago; Mr. Aidan Hume; **Back Row L-R:** Dr. Rita E. Hauser, Chair, International Peace Academy and President, The Hauser Foundation; Mr. George Foulkes, MP (United Kingdom), Deputy Minister for International Development; Mr. Allan Rogers, MP (United Kingdom), PGA President.



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PGA's Population Program in West Africa is in the third and final phase of its pilot program.

1999 has been a very productive year for the project. During the second phase, both parliamentary committees made great strides in advancing their agendas. For example, the Ghanaian parliamentary committee amended existing laws and promoted the passage of new laws regarding the minimum age of marriage and child labor. In addition, PGA organized a workshop on "Implementing the ICPD Agenda: Five Years After Cairo, Where Are We Now?" in Dakar in April 1999. Key members of the Ghanaian and Senegalese parliamentary committees attended with 22 West African population experts including grass-roots activists, leaders of international and local NGOs, law and policy professors and ministry officials.

Among the issues discussed at the meeting were the impacts of government decentralization of population policies, and the critical need to cooperate and partner with NGOs, government ministries and research institutes. Through this meeting, members of the parliamentary population caucuses were able to form links with NGO representatives in attendance, inviting them to the National Assembly for the first time and developing plans for concrete collaboration.

With a grant from the Swedish International Development



The Hague Forum on ICPD +5 - February 3-9, 1999, The Hague, The Netherlands. L-R: Drs. Jan Hoekema, MP (The Netherlands); Rep. Cynthia McKinney, (United States); Ms. Theresa Ameley Tagoe, MP (Ghana).

Agency, PGA has placed two Junior Program Officers (JPOs), one in the Parliament of Ghana and the other in Senegal's National Assembly, to help facilitate the work of the parliamentary population committees in these two countries. JPOs work directly with Population Committees in the national assemblies. PGA members arrange each JPO's placement and act as a host sponsor. JPOs are responsible for coordinating the ongoing work of the committee's Action Plan. This includes coordinating meetings and events, researching and preparing reports, and networking with relevant NGOs and other governmental bodies. In addition, JPOs act as liaisons and field staff for PGA's Secretariat.

The JPOs have played a critical role in assisting the committees to implement the plan of action developed at PGA's Dakar conference in April 1999. They have organized seminars with MPs, NGOs, research institutes, multilateral organizations and government bodies to share information on population-related issues. They



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During 1999, the PGA Convener of the International Law & Human Rights Program, Senator A. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada), proposed co-ordinating efforts for the International Criminal Court (ICC) by all parliamentary organizations, including the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), the Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). PGA supported the adoption of pro-ICC resolutions and plans of action at the Francophonie Summit of Heads of States and Governments held in Moncton, Canada, in September, and at relevant meetings of the APF, CPA and IPU.

Furthermore, PGA developed projects on Technical Assistance on ICC Implementation at the National Level in a mutually agreed set of selected countries in collaboration with the International Criminal Justice and Weapons Control Center of DePaul University (Chicago), as well as the International Institute on Criminal Sciences (Siracusa, Italy), both chaired by Prof. M. Cherif Bassiouni.

From July 5-9, 1999, the South African Department of Justice organized a workshop for States of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) focusing on the ratification of the ICC Statute and on the up-coming sessions of the ICC Preparatory Commission. Delegates from the following 12 States attended the conference: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia,

South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The SADC Conference on the Statute of the ICC produced several documents, including a 'ratification kit'—drafted by a small group of experts including PGA's program officer—for the States belonging to the region. The final 'Statement of Common Understanding' of the meeting calls upon all SADC States to ratify and implement the ICC Statute as early as possible. Held one year after the Rome Conference, this was the first inter-governmental regional meeting focusing on ratification and implementation of the ICC Statute.

PGA and DePaul University co-organized two briefing sessions which were held at the UN during the second session of the Preparatory Commission for the ICC on July 31 and August 7, 1999. The briefings were coordinated by Senator A. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada) and Professor C. Bassiouni (DePaul University). Senator Anthony Johnson (Jamaica), Dip. Gabriel Ascencio (Chile), and Senator Moctar N'dao (Senegal) also contributed to the sessions, which were attended by UN delegates from Justice and Foreign Affairs Ministries and National Parliamentary delegations from several States.

Governmental and non-governmental experts, including H.E. Ambassador P. Kirsch (Canada), President of the ICC Preparatory Commission, briefed the participants on the most relevant areas of impact on national legislation of the



PGA and DePaul University's Briefing Sessions on ICC Ratification and Implementation - July 31, 1999, United Nations, New York. L-R: Prof. Medard R. Rwelamira, Professor of Criminal Law, Chief Consultant, Policy Advisory Unit Ministry of Justice (South Africa); Prof. M. Cherif Bassiouni (DePaul University)



Encouraging Ratification of the ICC in Mexico - June 16, 1999. L-R: Mr. Salvador Tinajero (Mexican Commission for Human Rights, NGO member of the CICC); Sen. Ana Rosa Pyan (National Action Party); Committee Chairman Sen. Auldarico Hernandez (Party of the Democratic Revolution); Mr. Eduardo Gonzalez-Cueva, then Global South Outreach Coordinator, PGA-CICC; Sen. Eduardo Andrade (Institutional Revolutionary Party).

128 articles of the ICC Statute. Representatives from Spain, Canada and France explained their national approach to ratification. At the concluding session Ms. Shazia Rafi, Secretary-General of PGA, underscored that the world community, having adjusted to globalization of the economy and of telecommunication, should now adjust to globalization of justice. Prof. Bassiouni outlined the urgency of gaining political support among parliamentarians and other decision-makers for the early coming into effect of the ICC Statute. A first tangible result of the briefing sessions has been the inclusion of the ICC in several parliamentary agendas of States represented at the briefings.

From October 10-23, 1999, 40 lawyers, international legal experts, parliamentarians and government officials of 26 countries representing five continents convened in Gaborone, Botswana, for the first session of the Gaborone School on International Criminal Jurisdictions. The session produced a final document on substantive and procedural legal issues that was distributed at the third session of the ICC Preparatory Commission in December 1999.

PGA co-sponsored the concluding panel discussion of the session, bringing politicians and governmental leaders together with law students and experts to endorse a strong position in favor of the Court. The panel included the coordinator of the Legal Sector of SADC, Dr. T. Huaraka, the Deputy

Attorney General of Botswana, Adv. A.B. Tafa, the leading South African State official on the ICC, Prof. M. Rwelamira, and was chaired by PGA member Mr. P. Rantao.

On November 11, 1999, the Parliament of Ghana voted unanimously for the Bill of Ratification of the Rome Statute of the ICC, thus becoming the sixth State to ratify the ICC Statute. The parliamentary process that led to this decision was inspired and determined by PGA parliamentarians who support the International Law and Human Rights Program.

PGA's Ghanaian National group is composed of 36 MPs and has been co-ordinated by Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament and Vice-Chair of the Constitutional Affairs Committee, who prepared the ratification bill. The ICC was not only perceived as a priority for Ghana by the entire Parliament, but its inclusion in the Parliamentary calendar prompted support from civil society groups and the media, and generated unanimous support from majority and minority representatives in the House.

On November 12-13, 1999, the Italian University of Teramo hosted the first open meeting of the 'ICC Implementation Research

Group,' a team of governmental and academic experts involved in the process of incorporating the ICC Statute into the National legal orders of Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Germany, Greece, Italy, Liechtenstein, Portugal, South Africa, Spain and Switzerland. PGA's program officer served as general rapporteur of the meeting. A follow-up meeting of the Teramo discussions was hosted by PGA on December 7, 1999 at UN Headquarters during the third session of the Preparatory Commission for the ICC. ★



Concluding Session of the Gabrone School on International Criminal Jurisdictions - October 22, 1999, Gabrone, Botswana. L-R: Prof. Medard Rweramira, Special Advisor to the Minister of Justice (South Africa); Adv. A.B. Tafa, Deputy Attorney General (Botswana); Amb. T. Huaraka, Special Advisor to the Minister of Justice (Namibia) & Coordinator of the SADC Legal Sector; Mr. Paul Rantao, MP (Botswana); Prof. C. Ng'ong'ola, Dean, Department of Law, University of Botswana; Dr. David Donat Cattin, PGA Program Officer, International Law & Human Rights

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Peace & Democracy
Program**

Professor Steven Marks of Harvard University conducted an evaluation of the Peace and Democracy Program in 1999. Prof. Marks noted that PGA occupies a unique role for Track 11/2 Diplomacy and concluded that it would be wise to continue the program while developing results-oriented projects.

**Central African Republic:
Restoring Confidence**

At the request of Ambassador Oluyemi Adeniji, Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the United Nations Mission in Central African Republic (MINURCA), Dep. Ibrahima Fall, Chair of the PGA Taskforce on Africa undertook an assessment and evaluatory mission in Bangui, Central African Republic (CAR) from June 2-8, 1999, to understand the complex situation faced by parliamentarians in CAR's first democratically elected and truly multi-party parliament. Dep. Fall noted the important stabilizing effect of the MINURA forces whose mandate in CAR will end on February 15, 2000. He also noted the precarious geopolitical situation surrounding CAR, which is located in a zone of extreme turbulence and is threatened by spillover effects from the conflicts in Democratic Republic of Congo and Southern Sudan. Dep.



Dep. Ibrahima Fall, (Senegal), PGA Executive Board Member

Fall recommended that PGA, as neutral and objective observers, take an active role at the parliamentary level supporting democratic development in CAR.

**Parliamentary Network for Nuclear
Disarmament**

In the autumn of 1999 PGA commenced the pilot phase of a new initiative with a number of NGOs and experts through the Middle Powers Initiative aimed at reactivating PGA members in the field of nuclear disarmament in support of the New Agenda Coalition. Our new Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament (PNND) of 125 members from 45 countries draws upon PGA's extensive work in the field and aims to promote parliamentary debate, resolutions and exchanges in support of nuclear disarmament and international disarmament treaties.

Parliamentary Appeals on Pakistan and Côte d'Ivoire

We lost two of our 100 parliaments to the perennial struggle against military rule when Côte d'Ivoire and Pakistan (for the fourth time in its history) had coup d'etats. In response to the coup in Pakistan, PGA members quickly circulated a Parliamentary Appeal signed by over 130 parliamentarians. The Appeal was distributed through the Commonwealth Ministers who visited Pakistan. PGA continues to work behind the scenes for the restoration of the political process since, as a new nuclear nation, Pakistan must be brought back into the fold of democratic and responsible governance. PGA's Executive Committee and International Council also signed an appeal calling for the restoration of democracy and free and fair elections in Côte d'Ivoire. The Appeal was given directly to our former International Councilor from Côte d'Ivoire. ★

October 15, 1999

PARLIAMENTARY APPEAL ON RESTORING DEMOCRACY IN PAKISTAN

We, the undersigned members of Parliament,

Are dismayed over the coup d'etat undertaken by the Armed Forces of Pakistan to illegally unseat the democratically elected Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on October 12, 1999, and the suspension of parliament on October 14, 1999.

Acknowledge that instability, both economic and political, has recently plagued Pakistan.

Maintain that the military has the responsibility for the safety of elected members of the Cabinet currently in custody, and demand the restoration of their civil rights and liberties.

Support the parliament of Pakistan (Senate & National Assembly) as the sole democratic institution that must deliberate and decide any political changes.

We therefore,

Demand that the parliament be restored as the political decision-making body thus maintaining political stability and continuity.

Urge the international community to closely monitor the situation in Pakistan and support the restoration of democracy.

Commit our network to strengthening peace and the democratic process in South Asia.

Signed:
 x Allan Rogers
 [print name: Allan Rogers Date: 20/10/99

December 28, 1999

PARLIAMENTARY APPEAL ON RESTORING DEMOCRACY IN COTE D'IVOIRE

We, the members of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), a network of 1,300 legislators from 100 elected parliaments around the world,

Are dismayed over the coup d'etat undertaken by the Military of Cote d'Ivoire to illegally unseat the democratically elected government of President Henri Konan Bedie on December 24, 1999, and the suspension of parliament.

Acknowledge that political instability has recently plagued Cote d'Ivoire.

Recall the declaration adopted at the 35th OAU Summit in Algiers in July 1999, which denounced any undemocratic change of government on the continent.

Support the parliament of Cote d'Ivoire as the sole democratic institution that must deliberate and decide any political changes.

We therefore,

Demand the restoration of a legitimate, constitutional and democratically elected government immediately through free, fair and transparent elections.

Also demand that a date for free, fair and transparent elections be set immediately.

Urge the international community to closely monitor the situation in Cote d'Ivoire and support the immediate restoration of democracy and constitutional rule.

Commit our network to strengthening peace, development and the democratic process in West Africa.

Signed:
 x Tom Harkin
 [print name: TOM HARKIN Date: January 13, 2000
 Country: USA

**pga
members
& activities
worldwide**

New York City, U.S.A.:

- Launch of PGA's Women in Legislation League (WILL) project, Feb. 10
- "Meeting ICPD Commitments," a Parliamentary Workshop for the 32nd Session of the Commission on Population and Development in Preparation for the Special Session of the UN General Assembly on ICPD +5, March 26
- Briefing and Discussion Session on Haiti, March 30
- PGA's Executive Board Meeting, March 31
- Briefing Session on Democratization in Africa at the UN Department of Political Affairs, April 1
- PGA and IHRLI (DePaul University) co-organized Briefing Sessions on Ratification and Implementation Legislation of the ICC, July 31 and Aug. 7
- Interactive Dialogue on the International Criminal Court, Sept. 27
- Fourth Annual Defender of Democracy Awards Ceremony, Sept. 29
- PGA's 21st Annual United Nations Parliamentary Forum, "Eradicating Global Poverty: Parliamentary Action Agenda for the 21st Century," Sept. 29-30
- PGA's Executive Board and International Council Meetings, Oct. 1-2

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

- "Global Meeting of Generations," Jan. 13-15
- Mobilizing U.S. Legislators for International Issues: PGA delegation visits U.S. Congress and hosts Congressional Reception, Oct. 4-6

The Hague, Netherlands:

- International Forum of Parliamentarians
- NGO Forum and Youth Forum
- The Official Hague Forum on ICJ
- PGA co-organized "If Women I..." at The Hague Appeal for Peace
- PGA meeting at the Dutch Parliament

Lyon, France:

- Equilibres & Populations 1st Annual Francophone & Anglophone Parliamentary Workshop on Population & Development, Sept. 15-16

Teramo, Italy:

- Roundtable discussion on the Implementation of the ICC Statute in Domestic Legal Orders, Nov. 12-13

Dakar, Senegal:

- PGA's 2nd Annual Workshop, "Five Years After Cairo: Where Are We Now?," a Parliamentary Workshop for the Pilot Population Programme in West Africa, April 19-21

West Africa:

- Third Phase of PGA's West African Population Project (trip to Ghana and Senegal), Dec. 5-20

Cotonou, Benin:

- Third Annual Meeting of the West African Parliamentary Network on Population, Dec. 10-12

PGA 1999 Membership
 * Denotes Multi-Party PGA National Groups
 ** Denotes Parliament currently suspended by coup d'etat

PGA Membership in the Americas:

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

★ **PGA's Areas of Involvement During 1999**

entarians on ICPD Review, Feb. 4-6
 on ICPD +5, Feb. 6-7
 ICPD +5, Feb. 8-14
 "Ruled the World," panel with WEDO
 Civil Society Conference, May 11-15
 Summit, May 15

PGA Membership in West Europe:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Denmark*
- European Parliament*
- Finland*
- France
- Germany*
- Greece
- Iceland
- Ireland*
- Italy
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway*
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden*
- Switzerland*
- United Kingdom*

PGA Membership in East and Central Europe:

- Albania
- Belarus
- Bosnia
- Bulgaria
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Hungary
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Macedonia
- Moldova
- Poland
- Romania
- Russia
- Slovenia
- Ukraine

Bangui, Central African Republic (CAR):

- Executive Committee Member Dep. Ibrahim Fall (Senegal) undertook an assignment mission to CAR, June 2-8

Gaborone, Botswana:

- The Gaborone Session on International Criminal Jurisdictions, Oct. 10-23

Pretoria, South Africa:

- PGA participated in experts meeting of SADC States on ICC Ratification, July 5-9

PGA Membership in Africa and the Middle East:

- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi*
- Cape Verde
- Côte d'Ivoire**
- Egypt
- Ghana*
- Israel
- Jordan
- Kenya*
- Madagascar
- Mali
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- South Africa
- Swaziland
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

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- Australia*
- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- India*
- Indonesia
- Japan*
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Nepal
- New Zealand*
- Pakistan**
- Philippines*
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Western Samoa

empowerment of women program

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Equality Now

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Women (UNIFEM)

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DAW)

Women's Environment and
Development Organization
(WEDO)

PGA Project Staff:

Ms. Ayaka Suzuki, *Program Director*

Ms. Dorothy Wisniowski, *Program
Officer*

Empowerment through Technology

With the advent of the Internet era, raising global awareness of gender issues has reached new levels. In response, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) formally launched the Women in Legislation League (WILL) in 1999. WILL is to be a comprehensive online legislative information resource center to monitor various gender policy initiatives that build on the twelve critical areas of concern identified in the Beijing Platform for Action.

PGA convened WILL to provide legislators with better access to legislative materials from other countries. In 1999, a Steering Committee of leading women's organizations was formed to serve as an advisory body to the project. In this first-year pilot phase, the online WILL Center is to contain legislative texts and sum-



PGA's second WILL Meeting - July 14, 1999. Ms. Angela E.V. King, Assistant Secretary General & Special Advisor on Gender Issues & Advancement of Women of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

maries from the post-Beijing era in the following countries: Argentina, Canada, Ghana, Philippines, Poland, Sweden, South Africa, and Trinidad & Tobago. Analysis and social commentary on the legislation featured is to be provided by experts and/or NGOs in the respective countries. WILL is expected to be fully operational by September 2000.

Empowerment through Participation

"Women find a way of [solving a conflict], of discussing it in another way... There are lots of women in the world and they should be at the negotiation table today to solve the conflict!" declared Dr. Maj Britt Theorin, MEP (Sweden), and co-moderator of the intensive dialogue between parliamentarians, civil society activists, and audience participants during "If Women Ruled the World," a panel PGA co-organized with the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) during the Hague Appeal for Peace



The Hague Appeal for Peace 'If Women Ruled the World' panel - May 13, 1999, The Hague, The Netherlands. L-R: Ms. Takako Doi, MP (Japan); Dr. Maj Britt Theorin, MEP (Sweden), PGA Executive Board Member

conference in The Hague, The Netherlands on May 13, 1999. "If Women Ruled the World" provided a pivotal dialogue for women and men to address women's participation in decision-making spheres, particularly in regard to war and peace.

Empowerment through Networking

PGA continued its publication of *Women Legislators in Action: Weaving the Future Together* to chronicle our members' initiatives that build on the Beijing Platform for Action. In her contribution to the bulletin, H.E. Dr. Speciosa Wandira Kazibwe, Vice-President of Uganda, called on organizations and institutions to "actively involve women not only at the implementation stage, but also in the policy making process." Other contributors included PGA members from Chile, France, Ghana, Japan, Peru, Switzerland, and the United States. A catalyst for further action, *Women Legislators in Action* informs PGA

members, inter-governmental agencies, NGOs and academic institutions about measures being taken for gender equality. ★



PGA's second WILL Meeting, July 14, 1999. L-R: Ms. Kristen Timothy, (UN); Ms. Ayaka Suzuki, PGA Program Director; Ms. Jessica Neuwirth (Equality Now); Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Secretary General; Ms. June Zeitlin, Executive Director of WEDO; Ms. Laura Katzive, (CRLP); Ms. Angela E.V. King, (UN).

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The goal of the PGA Business Council is to create a partnership between leaders in the business community and their counterparts in the world's parliaments, all of whom are working towards a peaceful, stable and just world conducive to economic growth and social equality.

Members of PGA's Business Council represent a broad cross-section of the global business community, dedicated to promoting peace, the rule of law, economic growth and social equity in emerging economies.

PGA's Business Council was delighted to have two additional members join the Council during 1999: Lord Marshall of Knightsbridge, Chairman of British Airways (*United Kingdom*) and Dr. Klaus Schwab, President of the World Economic Forum (*Switzerland*).



Photos from top:

- Lord Marshall of Knightsbridge, *Chairman of British Airways (United Kingdom)*
- Dr. Klaus Schwab, *President of the World Economic Forum (Switzerland)*
- Mr. François Loeb, *Managing Director of Loeb Department Stores (Switzerland)*
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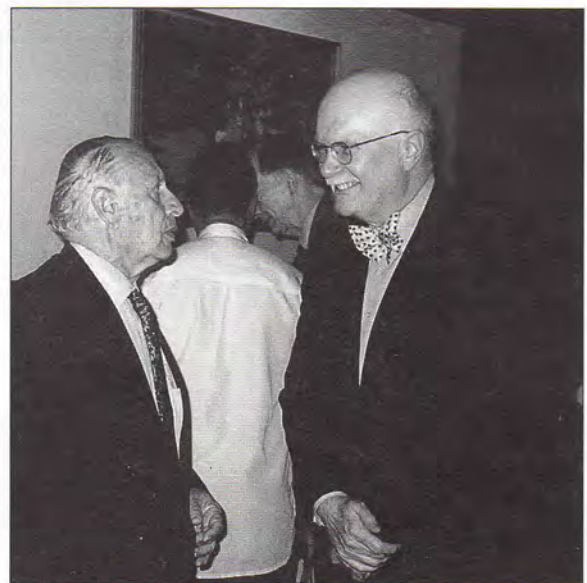
Executive Committee meeting March 31, 1999. Above Top: L-R: Dr. Maj Britt Theorin, MEP (Sweden); Ms. Elena Poptodorova, MP (Bulgaria); Dep. Houda Kanoun (Tunisia); Mr. Karl-Göran Biörsmark, MP (Sweden) PGA Treasurer; Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand). **Bottom L-R:** Dr. A. Moyeen Khan, MP (Bangladesh); Ms. Charity Kaluki Ngilu, MP (Kenya); Ms. Theresa Ameley Tagoe, MP (Ghana); Sen. A. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada); Dr. Maj Britt Theorin, MEP (Sweden); Ms. Elena Poptodorova, MP (Bulgaria).



Mobilizing US Legislators for International Issues: PGA Delegation Visits US Congress and Hosts a Congressional Reception - October 4-6 1999, Washington D.C. L-R: Dip. Gabriel Ascencio Mansilla (Chile), PGA International Councilor; Amb. Thomas Pickering (United States); Sen. A. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada), PGA Board Member; Dep. Ibrahima Fall (Senegal), PGA Board Member; Sen. Tom Harkin (United States) PGA International Councilor; Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Secretary General; Cong. Javier Diez-Canseco (Peru) PGA International Councilor; Mr. Aftab Shahban Mirani, then MP (Pakistan); Mr. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP (Ghana), PGA International Councilor.



Meeting at the Dutch Parliament - May 15, 1999. L to R, front row: Eduardo Gonzalez, then PGA Global South Outreach Coordinator; Dorothy Wisniowski, PGA Program Associate; Sen. Doug Roche (Canada); Dr. Inonge Mbukisita-Lewanika, MP (Zambia); Sen. Roche's Colleague; Ayaka Suzuki, PGA Program Director; Dip. Ernesto Gamarra (Peru). **L to R, back row:** Drs. Jan Hoekema, MP (Netherlands); Drs. Bert Koenders, MP (Netherlands).



Special Luncheon Discussion on East Timor - March 31, 1999. L-R: Amb. Jamshed Marker, Personal Representative of the Secretary General on East Timor; H.E. Mr. A. Peter Burleigh, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States.



Briefing and Discussion Session on Haiti - March 30, 1999. L-R: Mr. Karl-Göran Biörsmark, MP (Sweden), PGA Treasurer; Mr. Moses Katjuongua, (Namibia), Former PGA President; Ms. Nicole Lannegrace, Senior Political Officer, United Nations; Dep. Ibrahima Fall, (Senegal), PGA Executive Board Member; Dr. Chetan Kumar, Senior Associate, International Peace Academy.



Briefing the UN Department of Political Affairs on Democratization in Africa - April 1, 1999. L-R: Mr. Moses Katjuongua, (Namibia), Former PGA President; Sir Kieran Prendergast, Under Secretary General for Political Affairs; Dep. Ibrahima Fall (Senegal).

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Winnie Tam & Co. P.C., member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, conducts the annual audit of Parliamentarians for Global Action.

The complete financial statements are available upon request by writing to:

The Financial/Admin. Director
Parliamentarians for Global Action
211 East 43rd Street, Suite 1604
New York, New York 10017, USA

To the Board of Directors

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Parliamentarians for Global Action as of December 31, 1999 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year thus ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of Parliamentarians for Global Action's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial situation of Parliamentarians for Global Action as of December 31, 1999 and the change in its net assets and its cash flow for the year thus ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting practices.

Winnie Tam & Co., P.C.

New York, New York
February 10, 2000

**PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1999**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 967,161
Investments	11,105
Grants and contributions receivables	95,356
Other receivables	5,469
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,043</u>

Total Current Assets 1,081,134

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation of \$165,587	20,449
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Other Asset

Security deposits	<u>15,474</u>
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Total Assets 1,117,057

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts and accrued expenses payable	\$ 46,533
Deferred program revenue	<u>18,405</u>

Total Current Liabilities 64,938

Other Liability

Tenants' security deposits payable	<u>1,000</u>
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Total Liabilities 65,938

Commitments

NET ASSETS

Net Assets - Unrestricted	810,877
Net Assets - Temporarily Restricted	<u>240,242</u>

Total Net Assets 1,051,119

Total Liabilities and Net Assets 1,117,057

**PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1999**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total All Funds</u>
<u>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</u>			
Contributions - foundations		\$ 486,500	\$ 486,500
Contributions - individuals	\$ 11,105		11,105
Contributions - UN and governments	282,324	324,945	607,269
Contributions - institutions		10,000	10,000
Direct mail	14,747		14,747
Program revenue	100,165		100,165
Membership dues	<u>6,899</u>		<u>6,899</u>
Rent income (net of direct rental expenses of \$1,790)	410		410
Investment income	31,346		31,346
Other	5,145		5,145
Total Support and Revenue	452,141	821,445	1,273,586
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>727,994</u>	<u>(727,994)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Support and Revenue	<u>1,180,135</u>	<u>93,451</u>	<u>1,273,586</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
<u>Program Services</u>			
Democracy	94,196		94,196
International Law	118,597		118,597
Annual Forum	160,959		160,959
Sustainable Development and Empowerment of Women	<u>366,418</u>		<u>366,418</u>
Total Program Services	<u>740,170</u>		<u>740,170</u>
<u>Supporting Services</u>			
Administrative and general	303,129		303,129
Fund raising	<u>29,986</u>		<u>29,986</u>
Total Supporting Services	<u>333,115</u>		<u>333,115</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,073,285</u>		<u>1,073,285</u>
Change in Net Assets	106,850	93,451	200,301
Net Assets as of December 31, 1998	<u>704,027</u>	<u>146,791</u>	<u>850,818</u>
Net Assets as of December 31, 1999	<u>\$ 810,877</u>	<u>\$ 240,242</u>	<u>\$ 1,051,119</u>

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Mme. Waris Dirie, Goodwill Ambassador (UNFPA).

goals. The meeting was held on March 26, 1999 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

On October 4-6, 1999, PGA organized a parliamentary delegation to the US Congress and hosted a congressional reception for US Representatives, Senators and the US Under Secretary of State Thomas Pickering. The PGA delegation consisted of Mr. Ibrahima Fall, MP (Senegal); Mr. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP (Ghana); Dip. Gabriel Ascencio (Chile); Cong. Javier Diez-Canseco (Peru); Sen. A. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada); Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Secretary-General; and Ms. Christina Zampas, PGA Program Officer. The delegation met with

Representatives including Congressman Donald Payne, Congressman Bob Filner and Congressman James McGovern.

From December 5-20, 1999, PGA's Program Officer for Population and Sustainable Development went on a mission to the West Africa Population Project and to visit PGA's Junior Program Officers who took their posts earlier that year. She also attended the 3rd Annual Meeting of the West African Parliamentary Network on Population, along with PGA Board Member Dep. Ibrahima Fall (Senegal). A day trip to Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, where expansion efforts were explored, was also on the agenda. ★



'Meeting ICPD Commitments' Population Action International (PAI) & PGA's workshop - March 26, 1999, United Nations, New York. Top: L-R: Ms. Amy Coen, Population Action International; Ms. Shyami de Silva, Population Action International. Bottom: L-R: Dr. Fred Sai, Senior Advisor, PGA; Ms. Theresa Tagoe, MP (Ghana).



PGA's Second Annual Workshop, 'Five Years After Cairo: Where are we now?' - April 19-21, 1999 Dakar, Senegal. L-R: second from left, Mr. Cheick Abdoul Khadre Cissokho, Speaker of Senegal's National Assembly; Min. Ibrahima Sall, (Senegal), Minister of Planning; Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund.



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Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) was established in 1978-1979 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, nuclear disarmament, 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 brings to the table authority on behalf of members' constituents and a responsibility to them as well. This gives PGA a greater authority on policy matters vis-à-vis the executive branches of government and vis-à-vis civil society.

PGA includes in its membership a concentration of high-level politicians, including Prime Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, along with 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 current

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 has also 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 together 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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