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president's message

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



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

I am pleased to report that Parliamentarians for Global Action has made some vital contributions in each of our program areas during the year 2000. PGA's 22nd Annual Parliamentary Forum, *Debt for Development: Debt Relief Targeted to Poverty Eradication*, built on PGA's past and ongoing activities relating to sustainable development and economic revitalization. Due to the theme of the Forum and its relevance to Jubilee 2000, it was held at the Italian Senate in Rome and was the first meeting hosted by PGA's Italian National Group. It was at the Forum that PGA finalized a network of members working on economic issues.

Although it has taken more than a decade, the road started by PGA members Mr. Arthur N.R. Robinson, currently President of Trinidad and Tobago, and U.S. Rep. James Leach in 1989 to set up an International Criminal Court is now closer to becoming a reality, with President Clinton signing the ICC statute on December 31, 2000. Additionally, during the year 2000 PGA's International Law & Human Rights

Program has kept the momentum going by holding conferences and briefings promoting the ICC in Argentina, Botswana, Canada, Ghana, Italy, Senegal, the United Kingdom, the United States, South Africa, and in the East African Community. PGA will continue to work towards ensuring the ICC comes to fruition.

The Peace & Democracy Program effectively showed the role legislators play in peace building by organizing a conference in Lusaka, Zambia: *Parliamentary Track Diplomacy: Peace Building in Central Africa*. The workshop was the first major effort by the region's parliamentarians to forcefully and unambiguously go on record in favor of the July 1999 Lusaka Cease-Fire Agreement as the only viable plan to peacefully resolve the conflict which has engulfed the region. Forty-nine members of parliament from seventeen countries participated in the conference. The results of this workshop were presented to the United Nations Security Council (in an Arria's formula meeting), PGA's UN committee, the International Peace Academy and at briefings in the Canadian Senate and in the United States Congress.

The Sustainable Development & Population Program held its third annual conference on implementing the ICPD agenda at the Ghanaian parliament in May. The conference enabled members of parliaments, non-governmental organizations, and government ministries to

exchange information and learn from their counterparts regarding the work each is contributing towards implementing the ICPD Programme of Action. As a result of the success of PGA's West African Anglophone/ Francophone project in Ghana and Senegal, PGA is in the process of exploring the possibility of replicating the project in two other West African countries.

Continuing with the development of the Empowerment of Women Program, the Women in Legislative League (WILL) project, an online legislative resource where legislation affecting women from eight countries is posted, was formally launched at PGA's *Women in Power Conference*, which was held on June 9th in conjunction with the Beijing +5 Review at the United Nations. This conference addressed the frequently overlooked and unsupported challenges that female legislators face in balancing their personal and professional lives. It was the largest PGA conference to date with two hundred and fifty women attending. Also, in an effort to network with United States Representatives and encourage their interest in PGA, the Women in Power Network sent a delegation to meet with seven representatives in Washington DC.

The year 2000 has been quite an exciting time for PGA, which started the new millennium out on the right foot! We will strive to continue our work in the same manner while broadening our horizons in the years to come. ★

Parliamentarians for Global Action's 22nd Annual Parliamentary Forum, Debt-for-Development: Debt Relief Targeted to Poverty Eradication, took place at the Senato della Repubblica Italiana in Rome, Italy on December 11-12, 2000. The event marked an historic exchange of ideas among parliamentary country representatives, international and local non-governmental organizations, and international financial institutions. Each participant offered unique perspectives, culminating in a declaration by parliamentary participants that urged immediate action and mapped the architecture of a continuing international parliamentary network on the issue of debt reduction.

Opening session

The opening session included remarks by Ms. Shazia Rafi, Secretary General, PGA; Sen. Ersilia Salvato, Vice-President, Italian Senate, Co-President, PGA Italian National Group; and a message from H.E. Kofi Annan, Secretary General, United Nations delivered by Ms. Daniela Salvati, Vice-Director, United Nations Center, Rome. The session highlighted the impact of globalization, which weakens national governments and forces countries to emphasize macro-economic fundamentals at the expense of other priorities. To raise consciousness of the role of debt in perpetuating powerlessness in debtor nations, and in efforts to design alternative models of international finance, participants noted

the role of international organizations, such as PGA. As an alternative, the session considered mechanisms of debt reduction, such as debt swaps and application of reduction to priorities such as human rights, the environment, and poverty eradication. Following a contribution from the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, the conference turned its attention to additional issues related to debt and poverty eradication, including achieving growth, maintaining overseas development aid, and opening developed country markets to developing country exports.

Debt: Evolution, Impact, and Response

The next session explored the growth of debt, highlighting poor borrowing and lending decisions, international crisis, natural disasters, poor governance, and insufficient international response. It was seen as particularly unjust that much of the debt had been amassed by military regimes that used the resources for purposes other than improving the lives of citizens, but had nevertheless received significant support from the international community, especially during the Cold War. General understanding about debt has changed over time, and international financial institutions recognize that the crisis is more than simply a problem of liquidity requiring structural adjustment and new loans. Poor country debt is a fiscal crisis of solvency that requires

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Forum on debt-for-development (continued)



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international assistance and debt reduction.

The impact of debt stunts development, eroding the fiscal capacity of nations to address social concerns. Structural adjustment, which prioritizes exports to earn capital for loan repayment, has been both difficult and insufficient. While some countries have implemented reforms and restructured entire economies, many continue to find themselves unable to escape the burden of debt.

Reforms come at a significant price, and in many cases have resulted in poor development performance, leading participants to question the efficacy of structural adjustment. Participants welcomed efforts to link debt reduction to poverty eradication through the Highly Indebted Poor Country Initiative (HIPC), calling also for more substantial debt reduction, perhaps elimination. Further, they offered creative

approaches, such as the use of a Tobin Tax to slow international flows and create a fund for debt reduction and development.

Ultimately, participants called for a new financial architecture, a theme that would be repeated over the course of the conference. Most significantly, participants noted the lack of responsiveness, transparency, and accountability in the current international finance regime. To address this lacuna, participants discussed the creation of an international parliamentary assembly, which would provide oversight and access to international financial institutions. Participants also urged greater transparency and oversight in debtor nations, which should be held accountable to ensure that debt reduction efforts arrive in poverty programs.

Delivering Debt Relief: HIPC Initiative and Progress to Date

This session traced the history of responses to the debt crisis, focusing on the novelty of the HIPC Initiative and its deployment in a series of countries. The examples emphasized the importance of civil society participation, and the novelty of Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs), which target debt reduction to poverty eradication.

The session included a number of suggested improvements and additions to the existing HIPC Initiative. One suggestion was to change the calculus of HIPC, using calculations for debt sustainability that measure available budget resources rather



L-R: Ms. Anne-Christine Hubbard, Deputy Secretary General, Fédération Internationale des Ligues des Droits de l'Homme (FIDH); Ms. Sandra Pepera, Senior Governance Advisor, (DFID).

than focusing on export ratios. Going further, some participants questioned the use of conditions altogether, noting their role in delaying needed relief and their implication for domestic sovereignty. Overall, participants urged faster relief and in larger quantities, questioning whether current HIPC arrangements would have the impact on poverty eradication that designers had hoped.

The Impact of Independent Initiatives (Case Study: Zambia)

The next session took advantage of a unique country experience in Zambia, where innovative debt relief experiments included civil society participation, leading to increased relief. However, results have been less than satisfactory. Participants called for greater civil society and parliamentary presence in debt relief negotiations and the application of agreements, and noted that the current program included too little relief. Participants drew on the experiences in Zambia to express the need for new institutions for designing debt reduction mechanisms and governing international markets. Instability and volatility in international markets increases the debt burden, as poor countries, desperate for resources, must pay high costs in interest rates or conditionality. Institutions that express the interests of poor countries against those of international capital markets are necessary.

Poverty Reduction Strategies: New Wine in Old Bottles

The second day of the Forum began



Mr. Ted van Hees, Coordinator, European Network on Debt and Development, (EURODAD).



Mr. Opa Kapijimpanga, Coordinator, African Network on Debt and Development, (AFRODAD).

with a session which addressed the reality of poverty and the need for deep-rooted change. Participants noted the need not only for poverty programs but also for structural change in domestic and international structures to privilege redistribution and poverty. As key to achieving structural change, participants called for civil society sovereignty over all aspects of macro-economic strategy, including debt reduction and development programs.

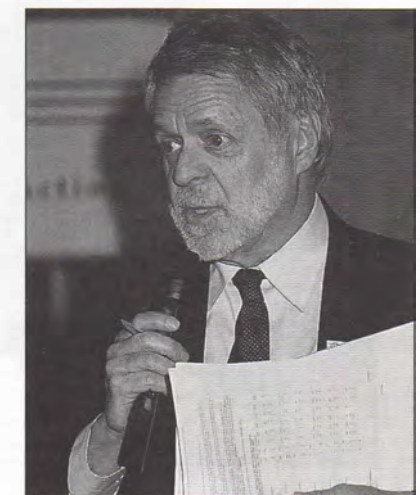
Participants stressed the importance of changing international institutions, with particular importance attached to human rights. Both domestically and internationally, human rights offer an orienting principle, democratizing the international financial regime and asserting citizen rights over the international financial architecture.

Debt-for-Development Options: Review of Cases and Applications to HIV/AIDS

The next session reviewed past experience with debt swaps, including those for environmental protection, but stressed the need to consider specific country needs in



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Mr. Grant Taplin, Special Representative to the WTO and Assistant Director (Geneva), International Monetary Fund (IMF).

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Forum on debt-for-development (continued)



Mr. Enrique Cosio-Pascal, Chief, Debt Management and Financial Analysis System, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).



Sen. Michiel Maertens. (Belgium), Vice-President, Finance and Economic Affairs Committee.

designing programs. The session turned to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa, where the disease has decimated the population and created economic and social crisis. Funds to combat the crisis are woefully inadequate, and countries find themselves with insufficient fiscal resources to bear the costs of prevention and treatment.

As a palliative to the HIV/AIDS crisis, the session focused on the need for increased debt reduction to lower the proportion of national budgets going to debt repayment, freeing it for spending on the social sector. In addition, participants urged an increase in development assistance and aid, particularly in the form of grants. The session focused on the role of HIV/AIDS in development, as it cripples the capacity of the working age population.

Luncheon Address

Hon. Hilde Johnson, MP (Norway), Former Minister for International Development and Human Rights, shared her perspective on debt relief giving some examples from her country's policy experience.

Creation of a Parliamentary Oversight Network on Debt for Development

The final session raised the possibility of a parliamentary type solution to the current impasse in reforming the international financial system. One portion of the parliamentary solution is domestic, as local legislatures need aid or funds released through debt relief to improve their



Mr. Mauricio Diaz Burdett, Coordinator Nacional del Espacio Interforos de la Sociedad Civil De Honduras. Asociación de Organismos No Gubernamentales de Honduras (ASONOG).

capacity to address social ills and exercise their functions as representatives and monitors of the executive. This includes strengthening their ability to root out corruption, and prevent the misallocation of resources freed through debt reduction. Looking beyond their own borders, local parliaments were encouraged to take a more vigilant role in supervising their country representatives in international financial institutions. Hearings before parliamentary committees present a useful arena to hold country representatives accountable and to make public the decision-making process of institutions like the IMF and the World Bank.

A second portion of a parliamentary solution would be international, creating an international parliamentary assembly for example, that could link civil societies, parliaments, and governments in forums to oversee creditor institutions. Such an assembly would address the key problem with the current financial architecture: the democratic deficit in holding creditors accountable to the societies that receive their loans and that provide their capital. An

international parliamentary assembly could serve as a means of communication to open the international regime and would improve the policymaking capacity of local governments that would receive greater input and information about international financial decisions.

Fifth Annual Defender of Democracy Awards

During the Forum, the conference celebrated the Fifth Annual Defender of Democracy Awards Dinner. Recipients of the Award were Sra. Estela Barnes de Carlotto and Dr. Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León. Sra. Estela Barnes de Carlotto accepted an award on behalf of Las Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo, for their courage in fighting for justice for the children of the disappeared in Latin America. Also during the Awards Dinner, Mr. Liebano Saenz Ortiz, a representative of Dr. Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, accepted an award for Dr. Zedillo's commitment to upholding the democratic process in Mexico. As president of Mexico, Dr. Zedillo presided over the peaceful transition of power to the opposition candidate, marking the end of the longest period of single party rule in the world. ★



Dr. Olusoji Adeyi, UNAIDS.



Hon. Hilde Johnson, MP (Norway), Former Minister for International Development and Human Rights.

PGA's Fifth Annual Defender of Democracy Awards, December 11, 2000. **TOP:** Mr. Liebano Saenz Ortiz, Chief of Staff to President Ernesto Zedillo accepting the Defender of Democracy Award from Sen. A. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada) on behalf of H.E. Dr. Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, President (Mexico). **MIDDLE L-R:** Dip. Margherita Stolbizer (Argentina); Sen. A. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada); Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Secretary General; Mr. Liebano Saenz Ortiz, Chief of Staff to President Zedillo (Mexico). **BOTTOM:** Dip. Margherita Stolbizer (Argentina); presenting Sra. Estela Barnes de Carlotto President. Las Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo (Argentina) with PGA's Fifth Annual Defender of Democracy Award.

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Atlanta Consultation, January 26-27, 2000

In preparation for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference taking place from 24 April to 19 May at the United Nations, the Middle Powers Initiative (MPI) organized a consultation at the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The Consultation brought together a diverse group of over forty people in the field of disarmament and arms control concerned with the dangers posed to the nuclear non-proliferation regime.

Participants included representatives from the United States, Canada, Germany, the New Agenda Coalition (Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, and Sweden) and the NGO community. Representing the Carter Center was former President Jimmy Carter and Ambassador Harry Barnes. Drs. Jan Hoekema, MP (Netherlands), a member of PGA's new network on nuclear disarmament, attended as a PGA representative and was the only directly elected official present.

PGA Workshop in Lusaka, Zambia, March 20-22, 2000

Building on past PGA initiatives in the Great Lakes region and Central Africa, PGA organized a workshop entitled *Parliamentary Track Diplomacy: Peace-Building in Central Africa* to build parliamentary support for the Lusaka Peace Accords. The Canadian Department of

Foreign Affairs and International Trade sponsored the workshop.

Participants and speakers included parliamentarians from nations currently affected by or involved in the dispute, such as Angola, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Namibia, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, as well as other members of PGA's Task Force on Africa and Democracy from Ghana, Senegal, Kenya, Tanzania, the Netherlands, and Canada. A member from the United States also joined via video.

The workshop addressed both the regional and domestic dimensions of the conflict, including the current status of the Joint Military Commission. Additional speakers included H.E. Sir Ketumile Masire, former President of Botswana, who sent a message to open the conference; Brig. Gen. Kazembe of the Joint Military Commission; and Amb. Ki Doulaye Coentien, Senior Political Officer for the Organization for African Unity (OAU). As part of PGA's continued cooperation with Columbia University's International Conflict Resolution Program (ICRP), Prof. Andrea Bartoli, Director, ICRP, leading a team of regional political experts, facilitated the workshop.

The workshop ended with a strong political commitment from all parties for the Lusaka Peace process. Participants unanimously agreed upon a Lusaka Declaration and Plan of Action outlining specific steps legislators can take with their own governments to ensure adher-



Reporting to the United Nation's Security Council on PGA's work in Lusaka. L-R: Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP, Deputy Speaker (Ghana); Mr. Michel Guimond, MP (Canada); Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Secretary General; Dep. Ibrahima Fall (Senegal); Mr. Richard Têtu, Director, Western and Central African Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Canada).

ence to the accords.

As part of the follow-up to the Lusaka meeting, workshop results were presented to the United Nations Security Council in an Arias Formula meeting on April 10, 2000 by Dep. Ibrahima Fall, Chair, PGA Taskforce on Africa and Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, Vice-Chair, PGA Taskforce on Africa. Workshop results were also presented to PGA's UN Committee and the International Peace Academy (IPA). In addition, on April 13, workshop results were presented in meetings at both the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa and the United States Congress in Washington D.C. Individual parliamentarians who participated in the workshop have begun to follow-up initiatives by presenting the results of the workshop to their own parliaments, foreign relations committees, media etc.

Report on National Dialogues for H.E. Sir Ketumile Masire, April 26, 2000

In his address to PGA's workshop in Lusaka, H.E. Sir Ketumile Masire, former President of Botswana, requested that PGA's taskforce on Africa come together to discuss national dialogues in Francophone countries and prepare a report to aid him in his new role as facilitator of the inter-Congolese dialogue. The report was funded by the Mission of the Netherlands and prepared with the collaboration of Columbia University's ICRP, and brought together members of the Taskforce from Francophone countries that had undergone successful national

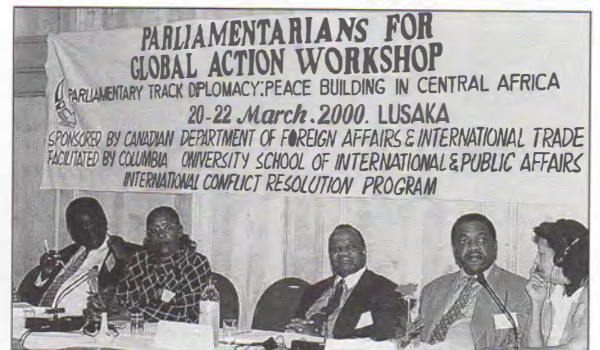
dialogues/conferences. The first draft of the report was presented to H.E. Sir Ketumile Masire on Wednesday April 26, 2000. The UK Mission also requested a copy for Sir Jeremy Greenstock, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the UK to the UN, to take with him for the Security Council delegation to the Congo.

Follow-up Work on PGA's Workshop in Lusaka, Zambia and Preparation for Further Work in Conflict Resolution

Continuing the Peace and Democracy Program's collaboration with the International Conflict Resolution Program (ICRP) of Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Ms. Nebiat Woldemichael, an intern from SIPA with expertise in conflict resolution, traveled throughout the Great Lakes region during the month of August. She interviewed Lusaka workshop participants about initiatives that they have undertaken upon returning to their parliaments to support the Lusaka Declaration and the Plan of Action. She also interviewed and strategized with other parliamentarians who were unable to



PGA's workshop in Lusaka, Zambia, March 20-22, 2000. Group photo.



PGA's workshop in Lusaka, Zambia, March 20-22, 2000. TOP, L-R: Brig. Gen. Kezembe, Vice-Chair of the Joint Military Commission; Col. P. Duhar, UN Mission to the DRC (MONUC).

MIDDLE, L-R: Mr. David Pratt, MP (Canada); Prof. Andrea Bartoli, Director, ICRP, Columbia University; Ms. Peggy Mason, Canadian Council for International Development.

BOTTOM, L-R: Mr. Emmanuel Mugabowindekwe, MP (Rwanda); Mrs. Jeanne d'Arc Murekatete, MP (Rwanda); Dr. Moises Gaspar Kamabaia, MP (Angola); Dr. Almerindo Jaka Jamba, MP (Angola); Mrs. Analia Pereira, MP (Angola).

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The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), adopted on 17 July 1998, requires ratification by sixty states to enter into force. In adopting the ICC Statute, the members of the international community agreed that this would be a valuable instrument "to put an end to impunity for perpetrators of the most serious crimes of international concern and thus to contribute to the prevention of such crimes."

31 December 2000), and several others are expected to do so soon. The work of PGA's individual members coordinated by Program Convenor Sen. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada) and Deputy Convenor Sen. Anthony Johnson (Jamaica), prompted by a calendar of parliamentary events organized by the PGA Secretariat, contributed decisively to this progress, thus accomplishing the goal of PGA's ratification campaign. PGA organized two sub-regional conferences (Tanzania and Argentina) and held several briefings and meetings at the national level and with individual members of parliament.

PGA has also promoted the signature in countries like the US and Israel and to members of the Arab League, which have not expressed open support for the Court-to-be. In addition to the goal of securing the early ratification of the ICC Statute, PGA continued to stress the importance of sustained support for the Ad Hoc tribunals to the parliamentary community.

Thanks to its network of 1,300 legislators in 99 countries, PGA has promoted early ratification of the ICC through a parliamentary ratification campaign, in conjunction with parliamentary networks around the world. Since the launch and development of the PGA ratification campaign in October 1999, 23 States have ratified the ICC Statute, bringing the total number of States Parties to 27 (as of



PGA's conference in Arusha, Tanzania, June 5-6, 2000. L-R: Ms. Jane Byakutaga, Office of the Attorney General (Uganda); Mr. Julius Kandie, Solicitor General (Kenya); Hon. James Orengo, MP (Kenya); Mr. Tuvako Manongi, Legal Advisor, Mission of Tanzania to the UN.



PGA's conference in Arusha, Tanzania, June 5-6, 2000. L-R: Hon. Manuel Pinto, MP (Uganda); Sen. A. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada); Hon. Philip Marmo, Deputy Speaker (Tanzania); Hon. Benedict Mutyaba, MP (Uganda); Hon. Lucan Tibarhua, Solicitor General (Uganda).

Regional and National Conferences and Activities

PGA organized, coordinated and participated in a series of high-profile regional and national meetings and activities around the world on the ratification and national implementation of the ICC Statute. These included the Southern African Development Community (SADC), East Africa, West Africa, the CARI-COM, Latin America, and Europe.

Participation by leading local PGA members of parliament had an impact and fostered collaboration between national governments and civil society as the ratification process progressed.

On 5-6 June 2000, PGA organized the *East African Conference on ICC Ratification* in Arusha, Tanzania, in cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Commission of the East African Community/Cooperation (EAC). MPs, governmental representatives, Solicitor Generals, and civil society representatives from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda participated in the conference. It concluded with the promulgation of the "Arusha Plan of Action for the ICC", which outlines the procedural steps for ICC ratification in each of the targeted countries. A media conference hosted by the ICTR followed the conference. The Ugandan and Kenya delegations attending the United Nations General Assembly Millennium Summit recognized the pivotal role of the conference in bringing about pro-ICC ratification consensus in the sub-region.

On 10-11 October 2000, the Senate of Argentina in Buenos Aires hosted the PGA conference on *ICC ratification in Argentina and Neighboring Countries* (the members States of the ConoSur). Members of Parliaments from Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Uruguay, and Paraguay discussed the subject under the chairmanship of Dr. José Horacio Jaunarena,

Secretary General of the Argentinean Presidency of the Republic and President, PGA's Argentinean National Group. Parallel negotiations on ICC ratification took place in the Argentinean Lower House (the Camara de Diputados). Participants at the conference included civil society representatives and government officials, including the Minister of Justice, Former President and majority leader Raoul Alfonsín who endorsed the "Latin-American Plan of Action for the ICC" adopted by the conference. The plenary of the Argentinean Lower House voted for ICC ratification less than one month after the conference.

Independently from specific events, PGA members utilized their diplomatic skills and their contacts in national institutions to bring about the signature and ratification of their respective countries. This happened, for example, with respect to the signature of Jamaica and the ratification of New Zealand and Finland.

Results of the PGA Campaign

The main objective of the project has been to ensure widespread ratification and early entry into force

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PGA's conference in, Arusha, Tanzania, June 5-6, 2000. Group photo.



PGA's conference in Arusha, Tanzania, June 5-6, 2000. Justice Navanathem Pillay, President, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.



PGA's conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 10-11, 2000. L-R: Dip. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner (Argentina); Dr. Raúl Alfonsín (Argentina). Former President of the Republic and leader of the Bloque Radical; Dr. Horacio Jaunarena (Argentina), Diputado Nacional, Presidente de Capitulo Argentino de PGA; Dr. Guillermo Moncayo (Argentina), Professor of International Law, University of Buenos Aires; Dip. Marcelo López Arias (Argentina), Vice-President of the Bloque Justicialista.

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West Africa Population Program

PGA's West Africa Population Program closed out its pilot phase in December 2000 and has launched the expansion of the Project.

Implementation of the Program was especially effective during its third phase, in large part due to the presence of PGA Junior Professional Officers (JPOs) in the Ghanaian and Senegalese Parliaments. Since 1999 the JPOs have been instrumental in enhancing government/opposition relations in parliament; assisting parliamentarians in monitoring and evaluating government policies and programs; engaging the parliamentary committee with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in relevant debate and action plans; developing and promoting education and information materials for circulation to parliamentarians and other relevant interest groups; reviewing laws and providing support to parliamentarians in legal reform; developing and facilitating parliamentarians con-

stituency advocacy work; facilitating national, regional and international working partnerships with other national and regional parliamentary groups; and developing and carrying out plans for financial resource development with multi-lateral, bilateral, national, and private donors.

PGA's 3rd Annual Conference on *Implementing the ICPD Agenda in the New Millennium* was held in Accra, Ghana, May 15-17, 2000. The conference was hosted by the Parliament of Ghana and gave Francophone and Anglophone West African MPs, NGOs, and government ministries the opportunity to exchange information and learn from their colleagues about each other's work in implementing the ICPD Programme of Action. The countries represented were Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, France, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, and Togo. Important lessons were learned and members received substantial input as to how their work as parliamentarians can be made more effective in this field. The MPs were exposed to the experiences from other countries in creating new legal frameworks for dealing with population issues and revising old laws concerning issues such as marital rights and duties, HIV/AIDS, and NGO collaboration.

Launch of PGA Expansion Efforts

On November 3-5th a workshop was held in Bamako, Mali for parliamentarians and NGO leaders from Burkina Faso, Senegal, Mali, and Guinea to review, analyze and discuss the Sexual and Reproductive Health Model Law that was developed in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire in June 1999. The model law seeks to provide a comprehensive piece of legislation to advance sexual and reproductive health in African countries. On 10 July 2000, Guinea was the first county in West Africa to pass this law. The workshop provid-



PGA's conference in Accra, Ghana, May 15-17, 2000. L-R:
Prof. Fred Sai (Ghana), PGA Senior Advisor; Hon. Mary Stoove-Grant, Member of the Council of State (Ghana); Dep. Moustapha Ka, Deputy Speaker (Senegal); Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP, Deputy Speaker (Ghana).

ed an occasion for legislators and civil society leaders to discuss the feasibility of adapting the model law to the situation in each of their countries.

The workshop participants addressed the status of sexual and reproductive health laws and policies in each of their countries and the expected benefits of enacting legislation patterned after the model law.

In assessing the prospects for passage, issues that were discussed included executive branch co-operation, alliances with NGOs and NGO networks, support from such regional institutional partners as CEREPOD, FAAPPD, CAFS, and IPPF, shaping the model law to address the individual countries' needs, procedures necessary for the enactment of the model law in the four countries, amending or rescinding already existing laws that conflict with the model legislation, and developing mechanisms for regional co-operation in achieving the law's purpose.

There was also discussion on expected results of the model legislation in each of these countries, and the role NGOs and civil society play in garnering support for the legislation and in implementing it once it becomes law.

Discussed as well were other measures available to parliamentarians and policymakers to support the sexual and reproductive health of citizens.

Junior Professional Officers

PGA's JPOs in Senegal and Ghana have been continuing their mandate to assist the parliamentary committees on population to advance the ICPD Agenda. Informational sessions on population issues such as HIV/AIDS have been held in cooperation with NGOs in both parliaments. Constituency activities are being held throughout the year where JPOs help MPs develop advocacy projects in their constituencies



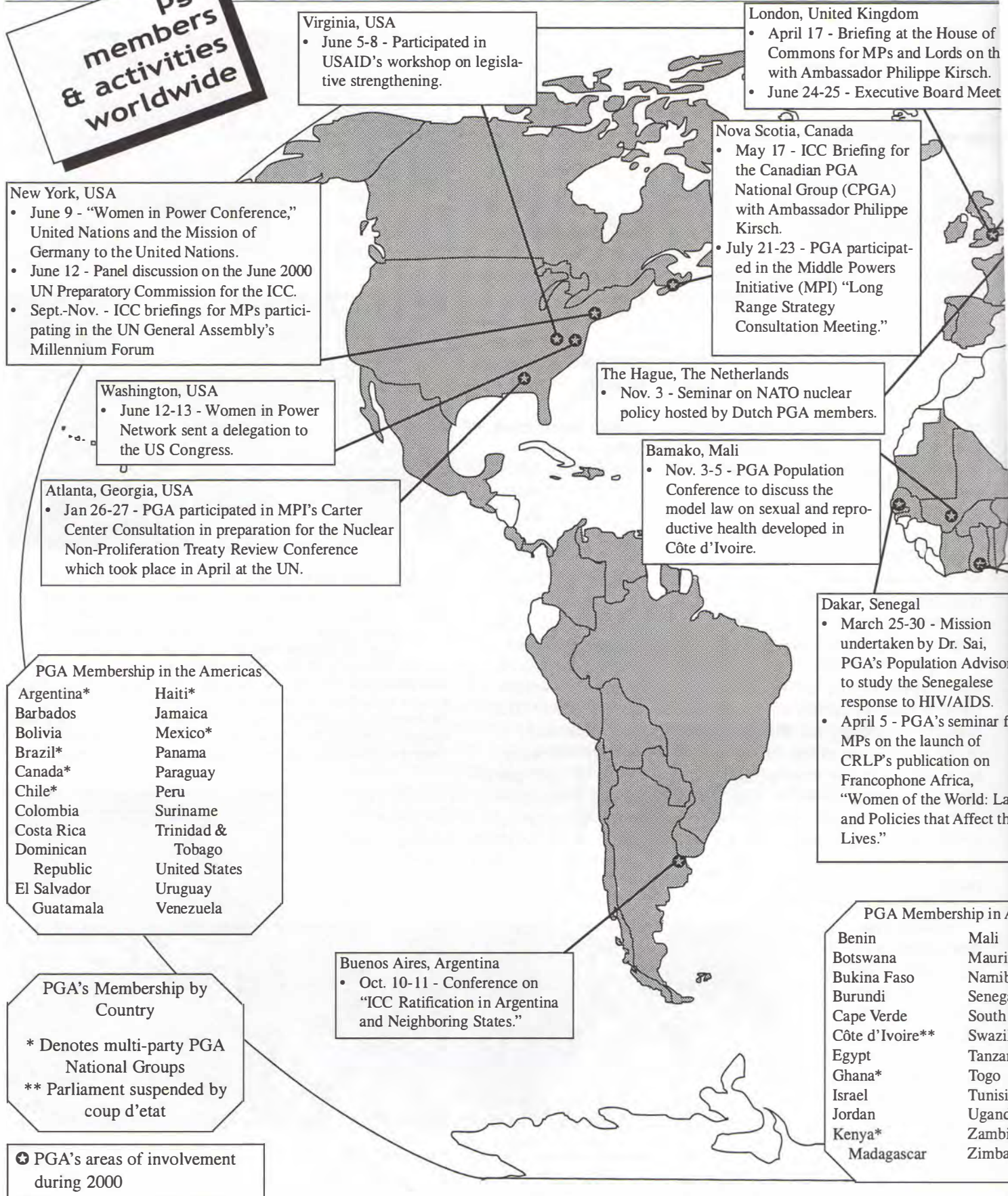
PGA's conference in Accra, Ghana, May 15-17, 2000.
TOP: L-R: Dep. Ibrahima Fall (Senegal); Dep. Moustapha Ka, Deputy Speaker (Senegal); Vice President J. Alta Mills (Ghana); The Rt. Hon. Justice D. F. Annan, Speaker of Ghanaian Parliament; Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Secretary General; Mr. Haruna Warkani, ECOWAS Representative.
BOTTOM: L-R: Dr. Youssuf Sangare, MP (Burkina Faso); Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Secretary General; participant; Mr. Per Bjälkander, PGA JPO (Senegal); Mr. Douglas Sem, Testimonial Speaker (Ghana); Ms. Christina Zampas, then PGA Senior Program Officer, Sustainable Development & Population.

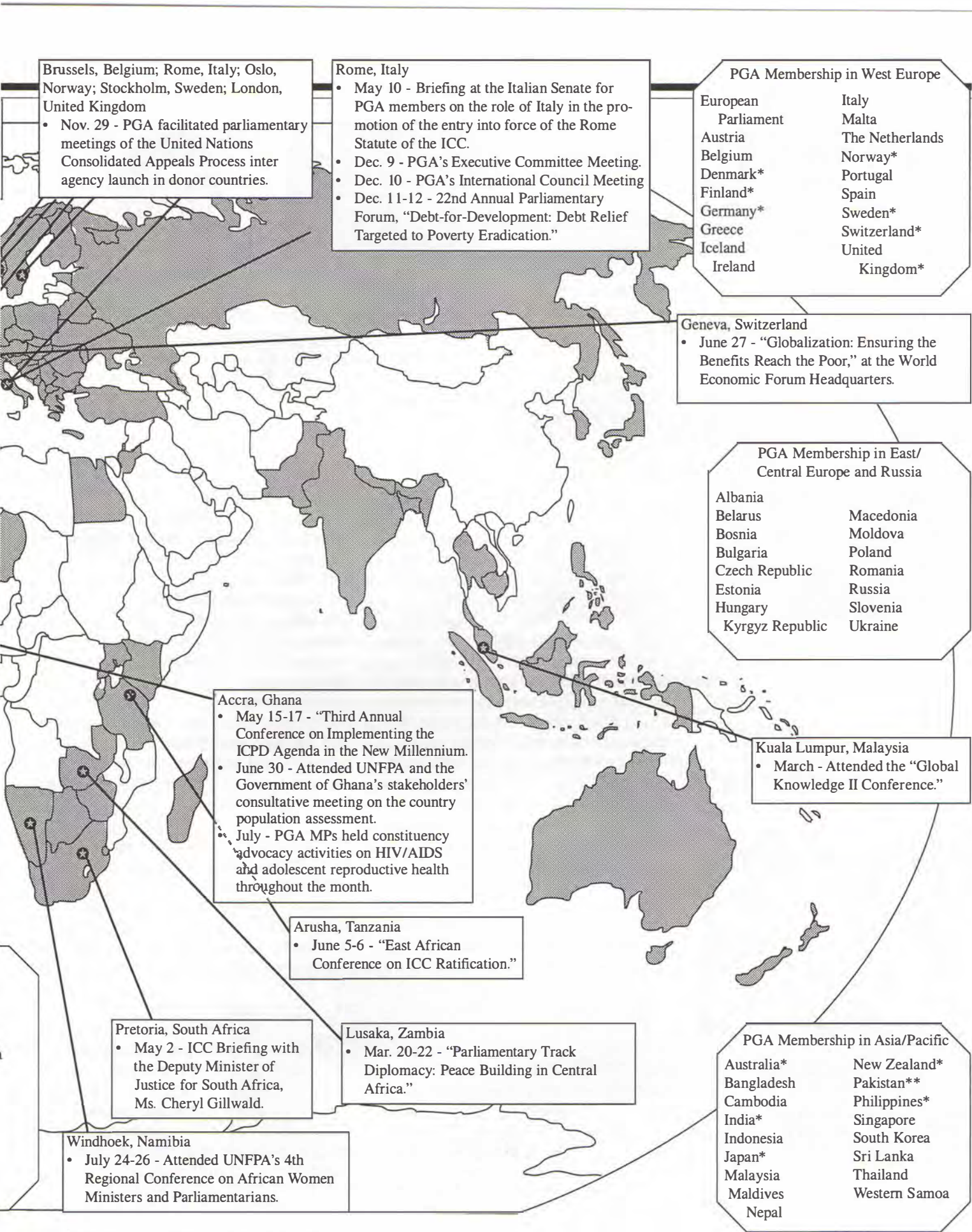
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PGA workshop in Bamako, Mali, November 3-5, 2000. L-R: Dep. Moustapha Ka, Deputy Speaker (Senegal); Dep. Ali Nouhoum Diallo, President of the National Assembly (Mali); Mr. M. Badara Seye, Policy Project (Senegal); Dr. Youssuf Sangare, MP (Burkina Faso).

**pga
members
& activities
worldwide**





Brussels, Belgium; Rome, Italy; Oslo, Norway; Stockholm, Sweden; London, United Kingdom

- Nov. 29 - PGA facilitated parliamentary meetings of the United Nations Consolidated Appeals Process inter agency launch in donor countries.

Rome, Italy

- May 10 - Briefing at the Italian Senate for PGA members on the role of Italy in the promotion of the entry into force of the Rome Statute of the ICC.
- Dec. 9 - PGA's Executive Committee Meeting.
- Dec. 10 - PGA's International Council Meeting.
- Dec. 11-12 - 22nd Annual Parliamentary Forum, "Debt-for-Development: Debt Relief Targeted to Poverty Eradication."

PGA Membership in West Europe

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Geneva, Switzerland

- June 27 - "Globalization: Ensuring the Benefits Reach the Poor," at the World Economic Forum Headquarters.

PGA Membership in East/Central Europe and Russia

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Kyrgyz Republic	

Accra, Ghana

- May 15-17 - "Third Annual Conference on Implementing the ICPD Agenda in the New Millennium."
- June 30 - Attended UNFPA and the Government of Ghana's stakeholders' consultative meeting on the country population assessment.
- July - PGA MPs held constituency advocacy activities on HIV/AIDS and adolescent reproductive health throughout the month.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- March - Attended the "Global Knowledge II Conference."

Arusha, Tanzania

- June 5-6 - "East African Conference on ICC Ratification."

Pretoria, South Africa

- May 2 - ICC Briefing with the Deputy Minister of Justice for South Africa, Ms. Cheryl Gillwald.

Lusaka, Zambia

- Mar. 20-22 - "Parliamentary Track Diplomacy: Peace Building in Central Africa."

PGA Membership in Asia/Pacific

Australia*	New Zealand*
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India*	Singapore
Indonesia	South Korea
Japan*	Sri Lanka
Malaysia	Thailand
Maldives	Western Samoa
Nepal	

Windhoek, Namibia

- July 24-26 - Attended UNFPA's 4th Regional Conference on African Women Ministers and Parliamentarians.

empowerment of women program

Convenor:

Ms. Charity Kaluki Ngilu, MP (Kenya)

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Project Staff:

Ms. Dorothy Wisniowski, *Program Officer (through May 2000)*

Ms. Laila Mehta, *Program Officer (beginning August 2000)*

Ms. Anastasia Andrzejewski, *Rapporteur*

In the year 2000 the Empowerment of Women's Program went through an important series of phases that have strengthened the direction and sense of urgency in our aim to enhance and facilitate women in their decision-making roles.

PGA's Women in Legislation League (WILL) pilot-project was launched, under the advisory of a steering committee comprised of CRLP, Equality Now, SIGI, UNIFEM, UN DAW, and WEDO. WILL is an online resource center that posts gender-related legislation from 8 countries, as well as social analysis on the status of implementation for some of the legislation. WILL serves as a source of information for both legislators and the public to highlight the legislation that has been passed in particular countries. It also demonstrates the construction of gender-specific legislation for those MPs who are seeking to push for more inclusive legislation. WILL is currently being updated, and will soon be ready to move onto another exciting phase of development.

As part of the WILL initiative, Ms. Dorothy Wisniowski (then Women's Program Officer) attended the Global Knowledge II (GKII) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in March 2000. The GKII is a partnership that focuses worldwide attention on information and communication technologies (ICTs) and their impact on the people of the world. PGA strives to bolster the WILL project as a positive



PGA's Women in Power Meeting, United Nations Headquarters, New York, June 9, 2000. At Left: Sen. Khairat Abdulrazaq (Nigeria). At Right: Hon. Hedy Fry (Canada). Secretary of State, Status of Women.

ICT tool for women and men worldwide.

On June 9, PGA held a high-level conference entitled *Women in Power* during the Beijing +5 review, which took place at UN Headquarters in New York from June 5-9. This meeting brought together women legislators and government ministers from industrialized and developing nations to assess the challenges that face women who serve in decision-making positions. The goal of the conference was to identify strategies and mechanisms to counter both personal and professional obstacles as women try to effectively carry out their legislative work.

The Women in Power Network was formally launched at this meeting, established to encourage and facilitate communication between PGA women leaders regionally and internationally. Although PGA's network of women legislators is 400 strong, we believe that re-energizing this network in the 21st century will strengthen our commitment to achieving concrete, positive results for women and men worldwide.

One of the most important factors addressed during this forum was the need to network with other women legislators both nationally and internationally. This strong sentiment emphasizes the need for the creation



PGA's Women in Power Meeting, United Nations Headquarters, New York, June 9, 2000. L-R: Ms. Krishna Bose, MP (India); Ms. Janet Adeyemi, MP (Nigeria); Ms. Elena Poptodorova, MP (Bulgaria).

and support of the WILL project. "The basic idea of WILL is to share legislation from our own countries [and] provide a good way of networking," stated Dr. Maj-Britt Theorin, MEP (Sweden). Women legislators, particularly from developing countries and countries in transition, are often isolated in their work. Therefore, it is critical that they have access to the tools that will enable them to fully participate in activities that encourage and facilitate dialogue across borders. The WILL project is one of those tools that can be utilized as both an information and communication forum for women and men alike.

On June 12-13, as a means of strengthening the Women in Power Network, PGA organized a parliamentary delegation to meet with members of the United States Congress to discuss the Network and to encourage members of the U.S. Congress to actively participate in PGA's work. PGA hosted a congressional reception along with the Congressional Women's Caucus on June 13, 2000. The reception was sponsored by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and was held at the Washington Home of Charles Stewart Mott. It provided PGA members with the opportunity to explain the work of the organization and to share experiences with other U.S. members in an informal atmosphere. The PGA delegation consisted of Ms. Theresa Tagoe, MP (Ghana); Ms. Irene Chisala, MP (Zambia); Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Secretary-General; and Ms. Christina Zampas, PGA Senior Program Officer. The delega-

tion met with Representatives Marcy Kaptur, Dennis Kucinich, Karen McCarthy, Bob McGovern, Cynthia McKinney, Barbara Lee, and Lynn Woolsey as well as legislative staff from Juanita Millender-McDonald and Elijah E. Cummings' offices. Congresswoman McKinney noted her interest in organizing an African women's leadership conference in Nairobi, Kenya in 2001 to coincide with the run for the Kenyan Presidency in 2002 by Ms. Charity Ngilu, MP (Kenya), PGA Board Member. PGA together with Congresswoman McKinney's office and Ms. Ngilu's office will be organizing this activity.

From September to December, PGA hosted a Fellow from the Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation, Ms. Diana Kovatcheva. Together with PGA staff, she formulated a strategy - a series of events - to establish a gender caucus within the Bulgarian parliament. PGA will co-host the workshops and conferences that will take place in Bulgaria, and Ms. Elena Poptodorova, MP (Bulgaria), PGA Board member, will serve as an advisor to the project.

If you have any comments, legislation for the WILL site, or suggestions, please contact Ms. Laila Mehta, Women's Program Officer. ★



PGA Delegation to US Congress June 12-13, 2000 L-R: Hon. Irene Chisala, MP (Zambia); Rep. Barbara Lee (United States); Ms. Theresa A. Tagoe, MP (Ghana).



PGA Delegation to US Congress June 12-13, 2000 L-R: Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Secretary General; Hon. Irene Chisala, MP (Zambia); Ms. Ruth Riddick, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation; Mr. Conrad Martin, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation; Ms. Theresa A. Tagoe, MP (Ghana).



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- Ms. Lisa von Trapp, Program Officer, Peace & Democracy Program
- Ms. Leonora Foley, Rapporteur



Hon. Ermelinda Meksi, Minister for Economic Cooperation and Trade (Albania).



TOP L-R: Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Secretary General; Hon. Eveline Herfkens, Minister for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, (The Netherlands); Dr. Klaus Schwab, President, World Economic Forum, PGA Business Council Member.
BOTTOM L-R: Dip. Tomas Jocelyn-Holt (Chile); Hon. Heidemarie Wiczorek-Zeul, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (Germany); Ms. Lorraine Ruffing, Head, Technology and Enterprise Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

PGA's Business Council hosts a Parliamentary Forum

On June 27, 2000 Parliamentarians for Global Action's Business Council held its first parliamentary forum, in conjunction with the Social Summit +5 Review being held in Geneva, Switzerland. Entitled *Globalization: Ensuring the Benefits Reach the Poor*, the forum was hosted by PGA Business Council Member Dr. Klaus Schwab, President of the World Economic Forum.

This all day event was divided into five sessions: Strategizing Equitable Participation; Education: Closing the Inequality Gap; Socially Responsible Business; Taxation: Balancing Incentives and Compliance and a closing session. Thirty-four Members of Parliament from twenty-four countries, three Ministers, members of PGA's Business Council along with numerous experts from the field were in attendance.

In his luncheon address PGA's Business Council Chair,

Lord Paul of Marylebone (United Kingdom), touched on the issues surrounding the power of globalization. As a businessman, Lord Paul sees companies' main goal as working to boost their own prosperity. However, their activities can have negative effects such as despoiling the environment, and encouraging corruption in governments. Lord Paul noted that while certain companies are adopting higher social standards, many companies unfortunately think they merely have to make socially responsible mission statements and they have fulfilled their social responsibilities.

Additionally, the Business Council is continuing to recruit socially-responsible business people to assist PGA and will continue to support the PGA secretariat in any way it can. ★



PGA's Business Council's Parliamentary Forum, June 27, 2000. Group photo.

**executive
committee &
international
council
2000**



L-R: Mr. Allan Rogers, MP (United Kingdom), PGA President; Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Secretary General; Mr. Karl-Göran Biörsmark, MP (Sweden), PGA Treasure; Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand).

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**Executive Committee Meeting in
London, United Kingdom
June 24-25 2000**

The Executive Committee made the following decisions:

Annual Forum:

Topics for future PGA Forums are to be decided on in advance. It was therefore decided that the topic for the 2001 Forum will address issues surrounding globalization and e-commerce.

Executive Committee Rotation:

It was decided by the Executive Committee that six members of the Committee would step down to make room for new members to serve. The following Board Members will stand down in December 2000 at the next Committee meeting with the option of running for re-election for 2001:

- Mr. Karl-Göran Biörsmark, MP (Sweden)
Dep. Ibrahima Fall (Senegal)
Dr. A. Moyeen Khan, MP (Bangladesh)
Dip. Marcelo Lopez Arias (Argentina)
Ms. Sirpa Pietikäinen, MP (Finland)
Ms. Theresa Tagoe, MP (Ghana)

Resignation:

Ms. Charity Kaluki Ngilu, MP (Kenya) resigned from the Executive Committee to run for President of Kenya in 2002. She steps down after serving on the Committee for seven years. We wish her the best of luck in her campaign and will give her our full support in this endeavor. ★

collaboration
with the
international
internship
program



Top: Mr. Tatsuya Kitagawa, Parliamentary Assistant; **Below:** Ms. Haruka Siago, Parliamentary Assistant

PGA collaborates with the International Internship Program

The year 2000 was the first year PGA participated in the International Internship Programs' (IIP) Professional Exchange Program where we hosted a professional intern from Japan for a year. The mission of IIP is to promote better international understanding through professional and cultural exchanges and to provide an opportunity for Japanese professionals to acquire international experience.

Mr. Tatsuya Kitagawa, Parliamentary Assistant, arrived in New York in September 1999 and worked with us through December 2000. As a

Parliamentary Assistant, Mr. Kitagawa was in the unique position of being able to work in all of PGA's program areas, giving him valuable experience and a well-rounded view of the work PGA does. Mr. Kitagawa was a diligent, reliable worker who always gave 100%. PGA thanks him for his work and hopes to remain in contact with him in the future.

Ms. Haruka Siago, Parliamentary Assistant began her work with PGA in November 2000 and will continue working with PGA for twelve months. We welcome Ms. Siago to PGA and look forward to continued participation with IIP's Professional Exchange Program in the years to come. ★

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and facilitate cooperation with local NGOs and local governments on these activities. In Ghana, constituency advocacy has been conducted in cooperation with the

Ghana Social Marketing Foundation and sponsored by DANIDA. Significant steps have also been taken regarding legal review of laws related to reproductive health and rights. Both JPOs have been building relationships with multilateral and bilateral agency offices in their host countries. These relationships have led to increasing MP participation in workshops and events held by these agencies throughout the world. ★



PGA workshop in Bamako, Mali, November 3-5, 2000. Participants at the meeting with the President of the National Assembly of Mali, Dep. Ali Nouhoum Diallo.

peace & democracy program (continued from p. 9)

participate in the Lusaka Workshop on how to further support the peace process locally and regionally. Currently both the parliaments of Uganda and Ghana have passed urgent motions calling for the resolution of conflict in the DRC and in support of the Lusaka Peace Agreement.

MPI Long-range Strategy Planning Consultation, July 21-23, 2000

Dr. Maj Britt Theorin, MEP (Sweden), Chair, PGA's International Council and Ms. Lisa von Trapp, then Program Associate, Peace and Democracy Program, attended the Long-range Strategy Planning Consultation of the MPI International Steering Committee at the "Thinker's Lodge" in Pugwash, Canada. The meeting brought together a blend of key nuclear disarmament specialists, representatives of the New Agenda Coalition

(NAC) countries, and representatives of foundations to assess the nuclear weapons situation following the NPT 2000 review.

Parliamentary Seminar on NATO Nuclear Policy, November 3, 2000

PGA co-organized a parliamentary seminar in cooperation with the Project on European Non-Proliferation and the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) Netherlands Branch in The Hague. PGA members Drs. Jan Hoekema, MP (Netherlands) and Mr. Bert Koenders, MP (Netherlands) hosted the conference. ★



PGA's workshop in Lusaka, Zambia, March 20-22, 2000. Women delegates at the welcoming reception.



The Atlanta Consultation January 26-27, 2000. L-R: Mr. Jonathan Granoff, J.D., Vice President and UN Representative, Lawyers Alliance for World Security; Former United States President Jimmy Carter, Chairman, The Carter Center.



PGA's workshop in Lusaka, Zambia, March 20-22, 2000. L-R: Mr. Richard Têtu, Director, Western and Central African Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Canada); Hon. Irene Chisala, MP (Zambia); Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP, Deputy Speaker (Ghana); Hon. Jeston Mulando, MP, Deputy Minister, Central Province (Zambia).



The Atlanta Consultation, January 26-27, 2000. L-R: Former Sen. Alan Cranston, President, Global Security Institute; Sen. Douglas Roche, O.C. Chairman, Middle Powers Initiative; Ms. Jane Fonda, Member of the Board of Trustees, The Carter Center; Drs. Jan Hoekema, MP (Netherlands).

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financial
report

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 the Parliamentarians for Global Action as of December 31, 2000 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the 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 test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. 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 position of Parliamentarians for Global Action as of December 31, 2000 and the change in its assets and its cash flows for the year ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Winnie Tam & Co., P.C.

New York, New York
February 16, 2001

PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2000

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Current Assets</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	919,225
Investments	21,729
Accrued interest receivable	
Grants and contribution receivable	91,025
Other receivable	15,151
Prepaid expenses	3,381
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Total Current Assets	1,050,511
 <u>Fixed Assets</u>	
Fixed assets, at cost net of accumulated depreciation of \$173,734	21,132
 <u>Other Asset</u>	
Security deposits	15,474
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Total Assets	<u>1,087,117</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>Current Liability</u>	
Accounts and accrued expenses payable	100,062
Deferred program revenue	25,402
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Total Liabilities	125,464
 <u>NET ASSETS</u>	
Net Assets - Unrestricted	846,143
Net Assets - Restricted	115,510
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Total Net Assets	961,653
 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	 <u>\$1,087,117</u>

**PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total All Funds</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Contributions - Foundations	5,000	78,179	83,179
Contributions - Individuals	10,624		10,624
Contributions - UN and governments	283,378	541,371	824,749
Contributions - Institutions		45,244	45,244
Direct mail	9,419		9,419
Program Revenue	184,046		184,046
Membership dues	3,193		3,193
Investment income	36,600		36,600
Other	1,000		1,000
Total Support and Revenue	<u>533,260</u>	<u>664,794</u>	<u>1,198,054</u>
Net assets released from restrictions Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	789,526	(789,526)	
Total Support and Revenue	<u>1,322,786</u>	<u>(124,732)</u>	<u>1,198,054</u>
EXPENSES			
Program Services			
Democracy	192,978		192,978
International Law	194,678		194,678
Annual Forum	108,185		108,185
Sustainable Development	283,755		283,755
Empowerment of Women	105,281		105,281
Total Program Services	<u>884,877</u>		<u>884,877</u>
Supporting Services			
Administrative and general	353,702		353,702
Fund raising	48,941		48,941
Total Supporting Services	<u>402,643</u>		<u>402,643</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,287,520</u>		<u>1,287,520</u>
Change in Net Assets	35,266	(124,732)	(89,466)
Net Assets as of December 31, 1999	810,877	240,242	1,051,119
Net Assets as of December 31, 2000	<u><u>846,143</u></u>	<u><u>115,510</u></u>	<u><u>961,653</u></u>

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of the Rome Statute of the ICC. PGA expected up to ten countries to ratify the ICC Statute and several countries to start the process for implementing the Statute into national law during the year 2000. In fact, many more States ratified between 1 January and 31 December 2000 (see list at right).

This result was higher than the projections made by PGA in consultation with experts of governments, NGOs and academic institutions at the end of 1999. The success of our campaign substantially contributed to the achievement of the result, as a number of ratifications (11) occurred since September 2000, starting with Botswana, a country heavily targeted by our campaign. The ratification of Botswana has been possible because of the work done in October 1999 (PGA meeting in Gaborone) and its intense follow-up.

In addition, Argentina and Angola, two States central to the PGA ICC campaign, have completed their National Ratification process before Parliament between August and December 2000, thus allowing an imminent deposit of the ratification to the UN, which has been already publicly announced by the relevant governments.

Sustainability of the Program

PGA's International Law and Human Rights Program has ensured full sustainability of its campaign through a grant of the Commission

Countries ratifying the ICC		
Country	Date signed	Date ratified
Austria	7 October 1998	28 December 2000
Belgium	10 September 1998	28 June 2000
Belize	5 April 2000	5 April 2000
Botswana	8 September 1998	8 September 2000
Canada	18 December 1998	7 July 2000
Finland	7 October 1998	29 December 2000
France	18 July 1998	9 June 2000
Gabon	22 December 1998	21 September 2000
Germany	10 December 1998	11 December 2000
Iceland	26 August 1998	25 May 2000
Lesotho	30 November 1998	6 September 2000
Luxembourg	13 October 1998	8 September 2000
Mali	17 July 1998	16 August 2000
Marshall Islands	6 September 2000	7 December 2000
New Zealand	7 October 98	7 September 2000
Norway	28 August 1998	16 February 2000
Sierra Leone	17 October 1998.	15 September 2000
South Africa	17 July 1998	27 November 2000
Spain	18 July 1998	25 October 2000
Tajikistan	30 November 1998	5 May 2000
Venezuela	14 October 1998	7 June 2000

of the European Union, which has allowed the organization to hold a series of events on a global scale. The activities, sponsored by the Ford Foundation, the Dutch Government and the Danish Government, have been instrumental and necessary to make PGA's on-going program of work possible. ★



PGA's conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 10-11, 2000. L-R: Dip. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner (Argentina); Dip. Marcelo López Arias (Argentina), Vice-President of the Bloque Justicialista; Dr. Raúl Alfonsín (Argentina), Former President of the Republic and leader of the Bloque Radical.

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A Dynamic Network of Individual Democratically Elected Legislators

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 peace and democracy, population and sustainable development, nuclear disarmament, the 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, along with Chairs of Finance, Foreign Affairs, Population, Health, and Defense Committees. Many of PGA's members leave parliament for higher gov-

ernment posts such as the President of Iceland, Trinidad & Tobago, Botswana, the Philippines, Côte d'Ivoire and the former President and Prime Minister of Pakistan. 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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