



Parliamentarians for Global Action

PGA Regional Seminars on Strengthening United Nations Peace Operations – International Parliamentary Input

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**Egyptian People's Assembly, Cairo
February 27-28, 2002**

**Day I – February 27, 2002
*Inauguration***

8:30 – 9:30 Opening Session:

- ◆ Welcome Address by Hon. Dr. Ahmed Fathy Sorour, Speaker, Maglis-Al-Shaab, Egypt
- ◆ Remarks by Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP, Ghana, President, PGA
- ◆ Remarks by Mr. Mike Gifford, Deputy Chief of Mission, British Embassy in Cairo
- ◆ Message from Under-Secretary-General Jean-Marie Guehenno, Department of Peace Keeping Operations, United Nations, presented by Major General Franco Ganguzza, Chief of Staff, United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, Jerusalem
- ◆ Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, presented by Mr. Abdullah Dorani, Director, United Nations Information Centre, Egypt

10:00 – 12:30 Session I: Report of the Panel on the United Nations Peace Operations and the subsequent debate

Chair, Juma Jamaldin Akukweti, MP, Tanzania

Introduction by Professor Andrea Bartoli, Director,
International Conflict Resolution Program, Columbia University

- ◆ Background to the report
- ◆ Report's recommendations
- ◆ Summary of the post-report debate
- ◆ Limits to implementation
- ◆ Regional aspects of the recommendations
- ◆ Current implementation efforts

Panelists :

- Major-General Henry Anyidoho, Ghana
- Major Bright Rwamirama, MP, Uganda
- Dr. Mona Makram Ebeid, American University in Cairo, Egypt
- Ambassador Mahmoud Farghal, Cairo Center on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch Hosted by Dr. Sorour, Speaker of the Egyptian People's Assembly

**14:30 – 17:00 Session II: National strategies for conflict prevention in the region of interest:
Case Studies – Great Lakes/DRC, Rwanda/Burundi**

Chair, Mr. Emmanuel Mugabowindekwe, MP, Rwanda

- ◆ Role of national parliaments in defining, implementing and evaluating strategies for conflict prevention and peacekeeping operations
- ◆ The role of non state actors (NGOs, media, business, religious actors) and their representation and participation in a coherent strategy for conflict prevention and peacekeeping operations
- ◆ Multilateral support for the UN intervention

Panelists :

- Mr. Adrien Sibomana, MP, Burundi
- Mr. Simon Moussapiti, MP, Central African Republic
- Dr. Nihal Fahmy, Operational Unit for Development Assistance, Egypt
- Mr. Fathy Kuzman, MP, Egypt, Chair, Defense Committee

Day II, February 28, 2002

10:00 – 12:30 Session III: Institutional improvements in the regional and international system aimed at establishing an effective regime of conflict prevention

Chair, Hon. Jean Minani, Président, Bureau de l'Assemblée Nationale de Transition, Burundi

- ◆ Relevant Regional agreements
- ◆ Coordination with the United Nations system
- ◆ Role of international legislators as peacemakers – PGA Task Force and its role in the Lusaka peace process
- ◆ Constraints and contradictions: minimum standards and “double” standards & the international community approach to conflict prevention

Panelists :

- Ms. Zippora Kittony, MP, Kenya
- Ms. Beatrice Kiraso, MP, Uganda
- Ambassador Ahmed Haggag, Secretary-General of Africa Society

12:45-14:30 Lunch – Hosted by the Egyptian People’s Assembly

14:30 – 16:00 Session IV: Towards a Renewed commitment from member states?

Chair, Dr. Moustapha el-Fikki, MP, Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee (Egypt)

- ◆ Plan of action
- ◆ Inter-parliamentary coordination
- ◆ Partnerships

Panelists :

- Ms. Jeanne d’Arc Murekatete, MP, Rwanda
- Mr. Paul Keetch, MP, United Kingdom

16:00 – 16:30 Drafting session (parliamentarians in attendance)

16:30 – 17:00 Closing