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INTERNATIONAL LAW & HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME

November 2002	PGA 24th Annual Forum: First Parliamentary Assembly for the ICC (Ottawa, Canada)
June 2002	"In Preparation of an International Criminal Court: Ibero-American States and the ICC" (Madrid, Spain)
May 2002	"Conference on ICC Ratification and Implementation in Francophone States" (Port Louis, Mauritius)
March 2002	Study session on the ICC by Japan's PGA National Group and Government officials (Tokyo, Japan)
March 2002	"Meetings and Consultations on ICC Ratification in South Asian States" held at the Parliament of India (New Delhi, India)
January 2002	National ICC Workshop chaired by the Deputy Minister of Justice, launching South Africa's ICC implementing legislation (Pretoria, South Africa)
January 2002	Briefings on ICC Ratification and Implementation from Members of Parliament of the PGA network convened at the PGA's "Annual Parliamentary Forum," as well as a special session on the rule of law and counter-terrorism (Stockholm, Sweden)

PEACE & DEMOCRACY PROGRAMME

November 2002	International Parliamentary Seminar on "The Responsibility to Protect", the final report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty (ICISS) (Ottawa, Canada)
October 2002	Bilateral dialogue with Armenian and Azeri delegations (Vienna, Austria)
September 2002	Sub-regional seminar on capacity building for Parliamentary Committees on Security Issues (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)
August 2002	Azeri and Armenian series of roundtables at the PGA Parliamentary Workshop on Clean Air/Clean Water, held during the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, South Africa)
August 2002	Regional site visits in Armenia and Azerbaijan (Yerevan, Armenia and Baku, Azerbaijan)
May 2002	PGA Informal briefing of members of the United Nations Security Council, Group of 77, and senior United Nations officials on Strengthening United Nations Peace Operations - International Parliamentary Input (New York, New York)
March 2002	PGA Regional Seminar on Strengthening United Nations Peace Operations - International Parliamentary Input (New Delhi, India)
February 2002	PGA Regional Seminar on Strengthening United Nations Peace Operations - International Parliamentary Input (Cairo, Egypt)
February 2002	Sub-regional parliamentary seminar on integration, immigration and naturalization (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire)
January 2002	Greek and Turkish Parliamentary Session on environment and common interest issues (Stockholm, Sweden)
January 2002	Parliamentary Seminar with Armenia and Azerbaijan (Stockholm, Sweden)
January 2002	PGA Regional Seminar on Strengthening United Nations Peace Operations - International Parliamentary Input (Accra, Ghana)

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & POPULATION PROGRAMME

November 2002	PGA participation in 2002 International Parliamentarians Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action (Ottawa, Canada)
August 2002	PGA 2-day Parliamentarian Workshop on Clean Air and Clean Water, at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, South Africa)
May 2002	PGA Delegation to meet members of the U.S. House and Senate, regarding U.S. releasing funds to UNFPA, sponsored by UNFPA and Population Action International (Washington, D.C., U.S.A.)
April 2002	PGA Participation in UNFPA Steering Committee Meeting to plan International Parliamentarians Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action (Ottawa, Canada)
February 2002	Commencement of 3-year West Africa Pilot Project (Bamako, Mali)
January 2002	Commencement of 3-year West Africa Pilot Project (Abuja, Nigeria)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, Deputy Speaker (Ghana)

2002 has proven to be a year of great achievements for the global community, one of which was the ratification and entry into force of the Rome Statute for the International Criminal Court (ICC). Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) has played a vital role in the ratification process of the Statute. PGA initiated its work on the ICC in 1989, when Hon. A.N.R. Robinson, member of PGA and then Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago submitted a resolution to the UN and when other PGA members presented similar bills to their respective parliaments, including the US Congress. The ICC-related work has culminated in the Rome Treaty signature in 1998 and its entry into force in 2002. Following the ratification of the Statute, PGA has continued coordinating a worldwide process for universal ratification of the ICC, through numerous conferences, including the 24th Annual Parliamentary Forum entitled "Consultative Parliamentary Assembly for the ICC" held by PGA in Ottawa, Canada in November 2002. Additionally, during 2002, PGA's International Law & Human Rights Program has kept the momentum going by holding conferences and briefings promoting the ICC in Francophone Africa, Ibero-American states, India, Japan, Sweden and South Africa.

PGA's Peace & Democracy Program has also been increasingly active in working on numerous sectors of peace and democracy building. Among the activities undertaken by the program were a series of Regional Seminars on Strengthening United Nations Peace Operations-International Parliamentary Input in Ghana, India and Egypt that culminated with an Informal Briefing on the results of the series with representatives of the UN Security Council, G-77, and senior United Nations officials, held at the UN Headquarters in New York in May 2002. In the course of these series participants were able to share their knowledge and experience in peacekeeping operations

amongst themselves and with the representatives of various branches of the UN and G-77. The meeting reiterated the importance of parliamentary peacemaking in parallel with UN peace operations. Additionally, as a part of the 24th Annual Forum, PGA has conducted a Seminar on the Responsibility to Protect, which further examined the concept of peacemaking in the context of state' responsibility to protect.

Within the framework of Task Force on Peace & Democracy PGA has also organized a Sub-regional Seminar on Integration, Immigration & Naturalization at the Assemblée Nationale of Côte d'Ivoire, which was the most important contribution of PGA to peace and democracy this year. As the result of the seminar participants have signed the Abidjan Declaration, which called on all participants to recognize and implement international human rights norms, encourage tolerance towards and protection of all peoples, while ensuring full and equal civic participation within a democratic and transparent system. The series of water-management dialogues between the delegations of Armenian and Azeri as well as Greek and Turkish parliamentarians, started by PGA in the end of 2001, have successfully continued throughout 2002 and have led to a number of substantial achievements that were reported by the parliamentarians at PGA Workshop on Clean Air/Clean Water, a parallel event to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), organized by PGA Sustainable Development and Population Programme in Johannesburg, South Africa in August 2002.

The Johannesburg Workshop was a great success as it gathered together some 150 participants over the course of two days and resulted in a declaration calling for effective national legislation to reduce air and water pollution. The Sustainable Development & Population Program has also continued its Junior Professional Program in West Africa at the



Parliament of Mali and ECOWAS Parliament in Abuja, Nigeria with great success.

In the course of this year PGA members have shown intensifying dedication to the work of the organization, proving that cooperation across party lines and geographical boundaries is capable of bringing forth change for a better world. *

24TH ANNUAL FORUM

A Parliamentary Assembly for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the Promotion of the Rule of Law

The 24th Annual Parliamentary Forum of PGA entitled "A Parliamentary Assembly for the ICC and the Promotion of the Rule of Law" has established the first Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC). Hon. Bill Graham, Minister of Foreign Affairs (Canada) and the Speakers of the House of Commons and the Senate of Canada opened the Annual Forum. Over 100 parliamentarians from 50 countries representing all regions of the world discussed the most recent developments and pending issues related to the effective operations of the ICC, in particular, the role of parliamentarians in: increasing the number of the States Parties to the Rome Statute; ensuring full cooperation of States with the Court and the enactment of comprehensive national legislation; and defending the integrity of the Rome Statute.

At the Forum, parliamentarians from non-States Parties reported on significant developments and actions that they are undertaking at the national level towards ratification/accession. MPs from Albania, Burundi, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mozambique, the Philippines, and the Russian Federation expressed their commitment towards overcom-

ing the obstacles that are currently stalling the national ratification processes, and indicated the relevant actions being taken. Moreover, some members of PGA India National Group and a leading PGA member in the US Congress, Rep. Dennis Kucinich restated their support for the ICC in their respective countries.

MPs from countries that have ratified the Rome Statute shared the results of their efforts to adopt ICC implementing legislation, thus generating a renewed commitment in this crucial area of lawmaking. The discussions underscored the opportunity that ICC implementing legislation presents in strengthening the rule of law at the national level, a vital component in good governance and in the promotion of democratic values.

On defending the integrity of the Rome Statute, all MPs agreed that the ICC needs renewed support and that parliamentarians have a decisive role to play in upholding the principle of equality of all before the law and opposing any dilution of the Statute, be it through bilateral agreements proposed by the United States or Security Council resolutions

that put the integrity of the UN Charter in question.

The Ottawa Plan of Action provides an overview on the deliberations, and reiterates the clear commitment of PGA members and other parliamentarians - including Speakers and Presidents of Committees - to remain engaged in the ICC process through the establishment of a Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC, a platform from which MPs from around the world will be able to support the Court as appropriate.

PGA has been involved in the establishment of the ICC since 1989, when former member President A.N.R. Robinson, then Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, presented a UN General Assembly resolution calling for such a mechanism. The Ottawa Plan of Action ensures that legislators throughout continue to monitor and support the effective functioning of the historic Court in the years to come.

Hon. Dan Hays, Speaker of the Senate (Canada)



Hon. Peter Miliken, Speaker of House of Commons (Canada)



Sen. Raynell Andreycuk (Canada), Convenor of PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme



(l-r) Mr. Fatmir Mediu, MP (Albania); Ms. Loretta Ann Rosales, MP (Philippines); Mr. Mikhail Grishankov, MP (Russian Federation), Sen. Alfredo Prada Presa, Vice-President of the Senate (Spain); Hon. Amos Wako, MP, Attorney General & Minister of Justice (Kenya); Sen. Yoshitake Kimata (Japan); Mr. Martin Sindabizera, MP (Burundi)

PGA seminar on the Responsibility to Protect: The Role of Parliamentarians

As part of the 24th Annual Parliamentary Forum, PGA held a Special Session on the Responsibility to Protect on November 6, 2002 in Ottawa, Canada. The meeting served as a follow-up to The Responsibility to Protect report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty (ICISS). This was the first large international parliamentary political meeting held to discuss the Report since its publication. Participants examined the implications of the report's recommendations on their own national and regional policies in terms of protection, conflict intervention and post-conflict rebuilding. Parliamentarians from Côte d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, and Burundi briefed their colleagues on the situations in their countries and offered their opinions on the ways the international community could assist them in conflict resolution and reconstruction.

The meeting, inaugurated during the opening ceremony on November 4th, 2002 by Minister Bill Graham, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada and Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Former

Foreign Minister of Canada and current Director/CEO of the LIU Center at UBC, Vancouver gathered a total of 168 participants, including 95 parliamentarians from 50 countries, ambassadors, ministers, members of civil society and representatives of international organizations. Min. Graham along with Amb. Paul Heinbecker, Ambassador of Canada to the UN asserted continuous commitment of Canadian government towards implementing the results of the Report, the purpose of which as summarized by Min. Graham, "is to find new common ground on the use of military force in response to genocide, ethnic cleansing and other mass atrocities."

In the context of the war on terrorism, the Report "began to shift fundamental perspectives from what it endows the State to do, what it gives the State the right to do, to what it obliges government to do," continued the argument Mr. Axworthy. In his view, the report as it "looks at the question of violence and conflict from the perspective of the victim, not the intervener, changes the measurement determining the ground for intervention. If a State or group or agency cannot provide protection or is

the author of the crime itself, there is the responsibility of international agencies or community to respond."

Following an overview of PGA's parliamentary diplomacy, presented by PGA's President, Hon. Dzirasah, MP (Ghana), Amb. Paul Heinbecker, Ambassador of Canada to the UN, discussed the Canadian role in taking forward the challenge laid out by Secretary General Kofi Annan to re-examine the failed humanitarian response of the 1990s and find ways of redressing and improving humanitarian intervention.

The ensuing discussion emphasized that parliamentarians, as representatives of the people, are well positioned to hold their governments accountable for the protection of their people. The participants were encouraged to stimulate the discussion of the report in their own parliaments with the goal of establishing procedures and mechanisms for prevention and rebuilding. The need to strengthen parliaments' role in policy making for rebuilding phases was also brought to the attention of the participants on the example of the Dutch parliament setting national guidelines for intervention after the atrocities in Srebrenica. Finally, the delegate



Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Director/CEO, the LIU Center, University of British Columbia; Ms. Brigitta Ahlqvist, MP (Sweden)



Pressconference with Hon. Bill Graham, Minister of Foreign Affairs (Canada)



Ms. Elissavet Papademetriou, MP (Greece); Mr. Tony Worthington, MP (UK); Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH, USA)

Mr. Yves Rocheleau, MP (Canada); Mr. Svend J. Robinson, MP (Canada); Mr. Mollé Mollé, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly (Côte d'Ivoire)

Ms. Sally Armstrong, UNICEF Representative to Afghanistan; Hon. Justice Edmond Cowan, Speaker of Parliament (Sierra Leone)

from Sierra Leone reminded the gathering that if the doctrine of responsibility to protect is to be taken seriously, regional organizations, such as ECOWAS, must also be strengthened.

In discussing the responsibility of the state to prevent, Mr. Coltart, opposition MP from Zimbabwe, gave a thorough presentation on the current crisis in his country. He emphasized, that restoration of the rule of law to ensure the preservation of democratic space in Zimbabwe requires urgent preventive measures to prevent grave consequences for Zimbabwe and the region as a whole and asked PGA parliamentarians to consider playing a role in his country.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-OH (US), warned of the threat of war with Iraq in light of parliamentary involvement. As a House of Representatives leader on the opposition to war in Iraq, he stressed that "Now is the time to make nonviolence an organizing principle within society and establish a culture of peace to create a world where war itself is archaic. At such a time the parliamentarians need to become vessels of peace for their communities by assisting in the teaching and sharing of peace."

The Session on Responsibility to Intervene highlighted the work of PGA parliamentarians in the conflicts in Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, and Burundi. Mr. Mollé Mollé, Vice-President of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire and a member of a three person parliamentary delegation brought by PGA to the conference, briefed participants on the current crisis in Côte d'Ivoire. Mr. Yves Rocheleau, MP (Bloc Québécois-Canada) who has participated in two of PGA preventive missions to Côte d'Ivoire gave an overview of PGA's past involvement and possible future interventions.

In discussing the State Responsibility to Rebuild, Ms. Sally Armstrong, journalist and UNICEF Representative to Afghanistan warned of the danger of neglecting Afghanistan in its rebuilding phase, as the world attention is moving towards the next crisis. Mr. Simon Chesterman, IPA Researcher on Transitional Administration Project, spoke on the lack of coordination among international organizations in humanitarian interventions, as seen in Afghanistan, as a serious problem in bringing peace forward. The positive developments of Sierra Leonean reconstruction were addressed by the Hon. Justice Cowan, Speaker of Sierra Leone Parliament and by Mr. Ibrahima Soiree, opposition MP from Sierra Leone as a part of this session.

Overall, the meeting equipped the participants with new tools and concepts for their work in parliamentary diplomacy and for better national policy formation and implementation on humanitarian intervention. In the course of the meeting, the participants were able to link their regional and local knowledge and their expertise on conflict prevention, developed as part of PGA's parliamentary peacemaking missions, in the broader framework of state responsibility and its implication on sovereignty.

In follow-up to the Session, PGA is currently planning a follow-up Regional Parliamentary Seminar on the Responsibility to Protect in late 2003 in Kampala, Uganda. This meeting will further examine the analysis presented in Ottawa on the implication of state responsibility in humanitarian intervention in the conflicts facing sub-Saharan Africa. *



Mr. K.B. Krishnamurthy, MP (India); Mr. Ibrahim Sorie, MP (Sierra Leone)

SEVENTH ANNUAL DEFENDER OF DEMOCRACY AWARDS DINNER

Parliamentarians for Global Action celebrated its Seventh Defender of Democracy Award Dinner on November 4th, 2002. The ceremony, which took place at the Ottawa Chateau Laurier, was hosted by Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah (Ghana), President of PGA, who inaugurated the ceremony with welcoming remarks, followed by the presentation of the first awardee, Amb. Philippe Kirsch, Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Sweden by PGA Executive Committee member and convenor of International Law & Human Rights Programme, Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Canada). Amb. Kirsch was selected to receive the award for his role in promoting the rule of law & the establishment of the permanent International Criminal Court.



Hon. Dzirasah, Second Deputy Speaker (Ghana) and President of PGA described the extraordinary life journey of the second awardee, Amb. Lakhdar Brahimi, responsible for the humanitarian, human rights and political endeavors of the UN in Afghanistan and former Special UN Peace envoy to Haiti, South Africa, Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo), Yemen, Liberia, Nigeria and Sudan. Mr. Brahimi is well-known in political and humanitarian world for his contribution to the reform process of the United Nations. He was awarded for his tireless work and sincere dedication to the cause of peace and the reform of United Nations peace operations. *



H.E. Mr. Philippe Kirsch, Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Sweden; **Sen. Raynell Andreychuk** (Canada), Convenor of PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme



H.E. Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General to Afghanistan; **Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah**, President of PGA, Second Deputy Speaker (Ghana)

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What began as a vision in 1989 became a reality in 2002. The required number of 60 ratifications for the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to enter into force was surpassed on April 11th at a special treaty event hosted by the United Nations. Accordingly, the Rome Statute entered into force on July 1st, formally establishing the world's first permanent international court with jurisdiction over individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

PGA's ICC Campaign yielded impressive results in its efforts to galvanize political will in countries around the world to support prompt ratification and entry into force of the Court. In 2002, 39 countries ratified the Rome Statute, bringing the total number of States Parties to 87 at the end of the year. In most of these cases, particularly in Brazil, Colombia, Mauritius, Namibia, Panama, Tanzania, Uganda and Uruguay, where PGA members led the movement to get their countries to join the ICC system, PGA members made a contribution to the ratification processes. Members from Argentina, Colombia, the Philippines, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and

Uruguay, also took action to uphold this indispensable principle of justice.

PGA members were also active in the task of implementing legislation, necessary to create a harmonious relationship between the Court and national legal systems. Similarly, they have confronted initiatives undertaken by the government of the United States that threaten to undermine the integrity of the Rome Statute. At the launch of the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians of the ICC in Ottawa, Canada, in November 2002 PGA members agreed in the conference Plan of Action, "To uphold the principle of equality of all before the law throughout the world as the only acceptable foundation of the Rome Statute." In the future, the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians will serve as a forum from which PGA members and their counterparts will be able to follow and support appropriately the objectives and functioning of the ICC. It will be a central component of PGA's "ICC Campaign" in the years to come.

Sub-regional and International Conferences

The first of the three sub-regional and international parliamentary conferences on the ICC



ICC Ratification Ceremony (11 April 2002)

(l-r) **Mr. Ben Ferencz**, former Nuremberg Prosecutor; **Mr. William Pace**, Convenor, CICC; **H.E. A.N.R. Robinson**, President (Trinidad & Tobago); **Prof. Cherif Bassiouni**, Chairman, Drafting Committee of the Rome Conference; **H.E. Amb. Philippe Kirsch**, Chairman, ICC PrepComm; **Mr. Hans Corell**, Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs, UN.

PGA Press Conference (April 2002) with

Mr. Hans Corell, UN Under-Secretary General; **President A.N.R. Robinson** (Trinidad & Tobago); **Prof. Cherif Bassiouni**, DePaul University; **Ms. Shazia Rafi**, Secretary-General of PGA



PGA Conference in Madrid, Spain (June 2002)



(l-r) **Hon. Bill Graham**, Minister of Foreign Affairs (Canada); **Mr. Chico Francisco**, MP (Mozambique); **Mr. Lloyd Axworthy**, Director/CEO, the Liu Center, University of British Columbia; **Ms. Brigitta Ahlqvist**, MP (Sweden); **Sen. Khariat Abdul-Rzaq** (Nigeria); **Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah**, MP (Ghana), President of PGA

held in 2002, entitled “Conference for ICC Ratification and Implementation for Francophone States,” took place on May 27-29 in Port Louis, Mauritius. Organized in collaboration with the Agence Intergouvernementale de la Francophonie, this PGA conference targeted Francophone countries from the Indian Ocean, Central-Eastern Africa and North Africa and brought together parliamentarians, government officials and experts from these regions to discuss the ICC. While many of the States represented at the conference face challenging technical, logistical and political obstacles to ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute, the conference contributed to bringing these issues to the forefront and enabled the participants to deepen their understanding of the ICC system and appreciate its potential to uphold international justice and protect human rights.

Following Mauritius, over 130 parliamentarians from 39 Latin American and European countries met in Madrid on June 27-28 for the “Euro-Iberoamerican Conference on ICC Ratification and Implementation.” Organized by the Senate of Spain with the collaboration of PGA, the event addressed ratification, imple-

mentation and the role of parliamentarians in supporting the ICC. The conference gave participants the opportunity to celebrate a number of landmark achievements, notably a surge of ratifications as countries tried to meet the July 2nd deadline for full participation in the first session of the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC. The Uruguayan delegation, for instance, had worked tirelessly in the preceding months to complete the ratification by the time of the Madrid Conference and proudly announced the successful completion of the process at the opening. In Uruguay, PGA members had led a decision-making process that had initially been blocked by the Executive. Similarly, the Bolivian delegate announced his country’s ratification. Namibia’s ratification was also announced during the conference - one year after PGA’s Windhoek Conference on the ICC.

PGA’s 24th Annual Forum entitled “A Parliamentary Assembly of the ICC and the Promotion of the Rule of Law” effectively launched the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC. Hosted by the PGA Canadian National Group in Ottawa, Canada on November 4-5, the Forum convened over 100 parliamentarians from 50 countries, reflecting the widespread and robust par-

“The (Security) Council’s actions could be detrimental not only to the ICC and international law but more importantly to the Council’s own legitimacy as it has exceeded its mandate by unlawfully amending a multilateral treaty.”

Senator Raynell Andreychuk, on the adoption of UNSC Res. 1422.

PGA Conference in Mauritius (May 2002): (r-l) **Dr. David Donat-Cattin**, Senior Programme Officer (PGA); **Ms. Claire d’Urso**, Magistrat, Ministry of Justice (France); **Mr. Koffi Kumelio A. Afanda**, TPIR-ICTR; **Mr. Pasterur Nzinohara**, Director of Judicial Cooperation, Agence Intergouvernementale de la Francophonie; **Amb. Philippe Kirsch**, Chair of ICC PrepComm (Canada); **Hon. S.E.M. Dr. Iskandar Ghattas**, Under-Secretary of State for Justice (Egypt); **Ms. Patricia Dunberry** (Canada); **Ms. Amrie-Claire Gerandin** (France); **Ms. Karin Zidelmal** (Belgium)



PGA Conference in Mauritius (May 2002)
Hon. Premnath Ramnah, Speaker of the National Assembly (Mauritius)



PGA Conference in Madrid, Spain (June 2002)
Amb. Juan Antonio Yanez-Barnuevo Garcia, ICC Ambassador (Spain); **Hon. Emma Bonino**, MEP (Italy); **Sen. Alfredo Prada Presa**, President of the Senate (Spain); **Dip. Felipe Michelini** (Uruguay); **Mr. Manuel Caverro**, Secretary General of the Senate (Spain)





PGA 24th Annual Parliamentary Forum (November 2002)
 (l-r) **H.E. Mr. Philippe Kirsch**, Ambassador to Sweden (Canada); **Mr. Edmond Wellenstein**, Director General & Head of ICC Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (The Netherlands); **Mr. Jean-Jacques Viseur**, MP (Belgium); **Mr. William Pace**, Convenor of CICC; **H.E. Mr. Svend Roed Nielsen**, Amb to Canada on behalf of the EU (Denmark)



PGA Sub-regional Seminar on Capacity Building for Parliamentary Committees on Security Issues, Tanzania, (September 2002)
Mr. Simon Mayende, MP (Uganda); **Mr. Leonard Derefa**, MP (Tanzania); **Dr. Khoti A.C. Kamanga**, University of Dar es Salaam; **Dr. David Donat Cattin**, Sr Programme Officer, PGA



PGA Parliamentary Briefing on ICC in India, (March 2002);
Sen. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada); **Mr. Malcolm Savidge**, MP (UK); **Dr. David Donat-Cattin**, Sr Program Officer, PGA

liamentary commitment for the Court - a commitment that was initially manifested in 1989 when PGA members called for the establishment of the ICC both at the UN and in various national parliaments. The Hon. Bill Graham, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada and the Speakers of the House of Commons and the Senate opened the Forum. Expert panels and open discussions addressed a number of subjects, in particular, the parliamentary role in increasing the number of States Parties to the Rome Statute, ensuring full cooperation with the Court through the enactment of comprehensive national legislation, and defending the integrity of the Rome Statute. All these deliberations are reflected in the Forum final document, the "Ottawa Plan of Action on the ICC," which is in use worldwide to promote the objective of a fair, effective, and independent Court.

Briefings, Consultations and the ICC Assembly of States Parties

In addition to the sub-regional and international conferences, PGA has been active at the national level through briefings and consultations to promote awareness and political will for the ICC. Most notably, in March, a PGA delegation comprising Law Convenor Sen. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada), PGA member from the United Kingdom Mr. Malcolm Savidge and Senior Law Program Officer Dr. David Donat-Cattin met with Ministers and parliamentarians from South Asia in New Delhi to discuss the ICC. That same month, PGA Japan National Group organized a small "study session" on the ICC that included a briefing by Mr. Juan Kim, PGA Program Associate and brought together members of the Diet and government representatives to assess Japan's accession to the Rome Statute.

In September, a panel of the "East African Parliamentary Conference on Security Issues" organized by PGA in the City Hall of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, focused on the protection of

the integrity of the ICC Statute and the need for East African States to effectively enforce international criminal law. Leading Tanzanian, Ugandan and Kenyan MPs manifested their determination in opposing any bilateral agreement that would dilute the ICC surrender regime. In addition, Burundian and Rwandan parliamentarians joined the "Dar Es Salaam Declaration," which includes clear language in support of urgent action to ratify the ICC Statute and to safeguard its integrity.

Several parliamentary delegations attending the UN General Assembly session in the fall were also briefed on ICC developments. These included delegations from Albania, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Lastly, at the first session of the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC at UN Headquarters, Prof. Irwin Cotler of Canada addressed the Plenary in representation of PGA. "It is our responsibility to make the ICC the first building block for the new system of global justice of the 21st century, while it comes as a wake-up call - a warning to international criminals anywhere - that there will be no havens, no sanctuaries, for these enemies of humankind," he stated.

PGA's ICC Campaign will remain committed to supporting the Court long after it is set up in The Hague. Universality in the ICC system remains a PGA objective and thus a sub-regional conference for the Commonwealth of Independent States has been planned. Similarly, a follow-up of the Iberoamerican Conference is on the horizon.

The Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians is set to reconvene for its second session in New York in September. In preparation, a team of ICC expert parliamentarians will meet periodically for strategy meetings to identify the goals and role of the Assembly.

Lastly, the PGA network will continue to monitor developments at the national level and at the UN Security Council on issues - such as the renewal of Security Council resolution 1422 - which could affect the integrity of the Rome Statute of the ICC, as well as international law and the UN charter. *



Prof. Irwin Cotler, MP (Canada), Chair of PGA Canadian National Group

PGA PEACE AND DEMOCRACY PROGRAMME

Parliamentary Diplomacy

PGA's Task Force on Peace and Democracy has continued its work as key facilitators in pressing conflict situations on the African continent and in Central and South Asia.

On September 19-20, PGA convened a sub-regional parliamentary seminar on Capacity Building of Parliamentary Committees on Security Issues (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania), co-hosted in partnership with the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania. Members of parliament from Burundi, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Sweden, Tanzania and Uganda along with ambassadors and other representatives of diplomatic corps, members of civil society, and international and local organizations discussed the need for regional cooperation on peace and security, particularly in the coordination between military, parliamentary and civilian bodies in the security decision-making process. The seminar was characterized by a spirit of open and constructive exchange as well as willingness on the part of participants to learn from each other in order to find common solutions to the problems of their region.

During the two days of deliberations, the seminar focused on a number of concrete challenges, including regional parliamentary peace-making; budgetary issues in security decision-making processes; national security and the role of the international criminal court; oversight of security decision-making from a regional perspective, including co-ordination between military, parliamentary and civilian bodies; and strengthening government-opposition relations. The session on National Security and the International Criminal Court (ICC) also discussed the need for training the armed forces to respect international humanitarian law and human rights, ensuring that national security systems are well-equipped to prevent international crimes, such as genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, the relationship of complementarity between national systems and the ICC, and participation in the ICC as a new building-block for East African co-operation to promote the rule of law. The seminar affirmed that parliamentarians are key players in developing and implementing the requirements and mechanisms for democracy, peace, security, regional co-operation and integration.

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PGA Sub-regional Seminar on Capacity Building for Parliamentary Committees on Security Issues, Tanzania (September 2002);

Mr. Simeon Mkalla, MP (Kenya); Ms. Beatrice Kiraso, MP (Uganda); Dep. Victoire Ndikumana, (Burundi)



Participants of PGA Sub-regional Seminar on Capacity Building for Parliamentary Committees on Security Issues, Tanzania (September 2002)



PGA Regional Seminar on Strengthening UN Peace Operations, New Delhi, India (March 2002); (l-r) Mr. Suresh Keshwani, MP (India), Mr. Feodor Starcevic, Director of the UN Information Centre in New Delhi; Sen. Raynell Andrechuk (Canada); Dr. Mukesh Kapila, Conflict and Humanitarian Affairs, DFID (UK)

PGA Informal Briefing with the Security Council, G-77 and UN officials, May 2002; (l-r) Mr. Chico Francisco, MP (Mozambique); Amb. Aldo Ajello, Special Representative of the EU for the Great Lakes Region; Amb. Pierre Schori (Sweden); Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP (Ghana); Dep. Molle Molle, MP (Cote d'Ivoire)

PGA Informal Briefing with the Security Council, G-77 and UN officials (May 2002); (l-r) Amb. Stefan Tafrov (Bulgaria); Mr. Jean Marie Guehenno, Under Secretary-General, DPKO; Sir Kieran Prendergast, Under Secretary-General, DPA; Amb. Jeremy Greenstock (UK); Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP (Ghana), PGA President; Amb. Kishore Mahubani (Singapore); Ms. Shazia Rafi, Secretary-General, PGA

In his response to the meeting H.E. Mr. Daudi Mwakawago, Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations, and a former MP, highlighted the importance of reviving cross national collaborations between MP's, especially on issues related to peace. He added that there is a need to foster accountability in governments and provide access to information. "The conference series planned by PGA will do much to move forward this debate and provide the information necessary for progress."

Peacebuilding

PGA's long-term presence in the field of conflict prevention and management in Africa, and its far-reaching membership network, enable it to meet with actors on all sides of a given conflict.

In February 2002 PGA continued its assistance in the consolidation of the democratic process in close consultation with the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire, by holding a sub-regional parliamentary seminar in the Assemblée Nationale in Abidjan on integration, immigration, and naturalization. The seminar was led by PGA's Task Force on Peace and

Democracy, chaired by Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP, Ghana, with parliamentarians from Benin, Burkina Faso, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, The Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa and Chad. Experts spoke on the legal, economic and social implications of migration, lending their expertise on regional reconciliation and integration, and participating parliamentarians reviewed immigration and assimilation concerns. In a statement read on behalf of H.E. Pascal Assi N'Guessan, Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire, the opportunity to exchange experiences with parliamentarians from throughout the sub-region was noted as being extremely valuable.

A high level representation of the RDR leadership welcomed the final document (the Abidjan Declaration) on political rights and peace in the region, which called on all participants to recognize and implement international human rights norms, encourage tolerance towards and protection of all peoples, while ensuring full and equal civic participation within a democratic and transparent system. The seminar has been the sole existing mechanism to date to address these issues on a regional level.

PGA will continue its work with the National Group in the parliament of Côte d'Ivoire to encourage the dissemination of legal principles on migration and nationality to a wide audience, as well as in promoting the development of an educational campaign to advance tolerance and a culture of integration. An assessment of the current situation in the country and potential actions by PGA have been conducted with the representatives of PGA National Group at the 24th Annual Parliamentary Forum held in Ottawa, Canada in November 2002. As a result of it, PGA Board has decided to undertake a second seminar to discuss judicial review of the electoral law with international legal experts in attendance to follow in late 2003-early 2004. Additionally, PGA is currently planning a follow-up assessment mission to Abidjan as well as a bilateral dialogue to be held in the region for Ivoirian parliamentarians to continue the dialogue on government/opposition relations and inter-ethnic relations.

As a part of its peacebuilding work, PGA also conducted a series of regional parliamentary seminars on the United Nations Peace Operations in Ghana, Egypt and India from



Participants of PGA Regional Seminar on Strengthening UN Peace Operations, Cairo (February 2002)



PGA Regional Seminar on Strengthening UN Peace Operations, Cairo, Egypt (February 2002)



PGA Informal Briefing with the Security Council, G-77 and UN officials, May 2002;

Ms. Beatrice Kiraso, MP (Uganda); Mr. Tony Worthington, MP (UK); Sen. John Connor (Ireland)

Responsibility to Protect Session, Ottawa, Canada, November 2002;

Dep. Norbert Ndiwokubwayo, MP (Burundi); Dep. Mamadou Lamine Thiam, MP (Senegal)

Responsibility to Protect Session, Ottawa, Canada, November 2002;

H.E. Paul Heinbecker, Ambassador of Canada to the UN; Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, President of PGA, MP (Ghana); Ms. Shazia Rafi, Secretary-General, PGA

January to March 2002. The seminars aimed to provide parliamentary input on needed reforms in the structure and management of peace operations. In each of the three regional seminars participants stressed the need to be involved in the decision making process on defining mandates and providing financial support and troops to peace operations with effective and clear deployment and withdrawal strategies. The unique role of national parliaments and parliamentarians in establishing an effective international regime of conflict prevention served as the central theme to the discussions. Regional and sub-regional organizations, as well as local NGOs and civil society, including UN mission representatives from UNAMSIL, Sierra Leone, UNTSO, Jerusalem, and UNDP also participated in the discussions.

In conclusion of the series PGA held an informal briefing on the outcomes of the regional seminars with members of the United Nations Security Council, members of the Group of 77, and senior United Nations officials from DPA, DPKO, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, OHCHR, and the ILO in May 2002. Findings from each regional conference were presented and interac-

tive sessions with senior UN officials such as Sir Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary General, Department of Political Affairs and Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary General, Department of Peacekeeping Operations reiterated the importance of parliamentary peace-making in parallel with UN peace operations. In the course of the meeting participants were encouraged to present ideas on how PGA can take the discussions forward and keep in touch regularly to continue the dialogue.

As part of its 24th Annual Parliamentary Forum, PGA held a Special Session on the Responsibility to Protect on November 6, 2002 in Ottawa, Canada. This was the first international and parliamentary meeting to discuss the Responsibility to Protect, a report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty (ICISS). The meeting was inaugurated by Minister Bill Graham, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada and Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Former Foreign Minister of Canada and current Director/CEO of the LIU Center at University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

The Special Session held discussions on state's

responsibility to protect, intervene and rebuild. Participants examined the implications of the report's recommendations on their own national and regional policies for conflict prevention and peace building. Multi-party delegations of parliamentarians from Côte d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, and Burundi briefed their colleagues on national perspectives and how the international community could assist them in conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction. PGA's Board and International Council held consultation sessions with the delegations from Côte d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe and Sierra Leone to assess practical parliamentary interventions, to be carried out by PGA's Task Force on Peace and Democracy.

The discussion emphasized that parliamentarians, as representatives of the people, are well positioned to hold their governments accountable to the principles of humanitarian protection. Speakers like Mr. David Coltart, opposition MP from Zimbabwe, informed the gathering on the current crisis in Zimbabwe. Rep Dennis Kucinich, (D-OH, USA) a ranking member of the United States House Subcommittee with jurisdiction over National Security and International Relations, highlighted his



PGA Seminar on Immigration and Naturalization in Côte d'Ivoire (February 2002)
Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, President of PGA, Second Deputy Speaker (Ghana); Mrs. Amon Ago Martini, First VP (Côte d'Ivoire); H.E. Assi N'Guessan Pascal, First Minister (Côte d'Ivoire); Dep. Mollé Mollé, VP of the National Assembly (Côte d'Ivoire)



PGA Seminar on Immigration and Naturalization in Côte d'Ivoire (February 2002);
Mrs. Johanne Levasseur, Senior Counsel, Human Rights Law Section, Department of Justice (Canada); Hon. Theresa Tagoe, Deputy Minister of Works & Housing, (Ghana); Amb. Peter Van Leeuwen (The Netherlands); Amb. Emile Gauvreau (Canada)



Responsibility to Protect Session, Ottawa, Canada, November 2002
Mr. David Coltart, MP, Shadow Justice Minister (Zimbabwe)



Responsibility to Protect Session, Ottawa, Canada, November 2002
Dip. Margarita Stolbizer, MP (Argentina); **Ms. Loretta Ann Rosales, MP** (The Philippines); **Mr. Miloslav Zvonar, MP** (The Netherlands); **Mr Coskun Cörüz, MP** (The Netherlands); **Mr. Atanas Paparizov, MP** (Bulgaria)

efforts in Congress to review and revise US policies not conducive to peace and world security. Providing the example of the policy measures that were adopted for humanitarian intervention by the Dutch parliament after the massacres of Srebrenica, Mr. Van Oven, MP (The Netherlands), encouraged participants to stimulate the discussion of the Report in their own parliaments with the goal of establishing procedures and mechanisms for prevention and rebuilding. Overall, the meeting reinforced parliamentarians' ability to influence their governments' policy on protection issues, equipping them with tools and concepts that will enhance their work in parliamentary diplomacy and policy formulations on humanitarian intervention.

Water Management

PGA has continued utilizing its unique position of individual parliamentarian membership organization in facilitating bilateral meetings between its members from democratizing and post-conflict states.

PGA has continued its series of roundtable discussions between Greek and Turkish parliamentarians to address the link between region-

al conflict management and environmental policy. The Greek and Turkish delegations met in January 2002 to concretize bilateral projects and identify transboundary waters that can be addressed. As the result of the meeting, the parliamentarians agreed to produce a children's guide on the protection of the coast of the Aegean Sea in English, Greek and Turkish languages, develop a twin cities and twin lakes project on water pollution, and are working to form a Greek-Turkish commission to conduct a Meriç/Evros river study. These proposals were presented by Ms. Elsa Papademetriou, MP (Greece) at the PGA Parliamentary Workshop on Clean Air/Clean Water, held as a parallel event to the United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa in August 2002. After further research and consultation with local experts, both delegations will report on their findings at the PGA Mediterranean seminar on parliamentary follow-up to the UN World Summit to be held in Athens, Greece in the Fall of 2003.

Over the course of the year PGA has also conducted a series of dialogues between Armenian and Azeri parliamentarians to support post-

conflict peacebuilding and reconciliation through joint cooperation on development projects. As summarized by Mr. Ogtay Asadov, MP (Azerbaijan) and member of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources, Energy and Ecology, the series are based on the premise that "Joint parliamentary efforts can provide the necessary pressure on respective governments to adopt projects 'parliamentarians can put aside any political objectives and frankly discuss their common need for environmental action.'"

In a bilateral dialogue held in January 2002, the delegations discussed the importance of international treaties on environmental issues, and the necessity of transparency and information sharing in implementing national strategies on water treatment, as water management strategies impact on rivers downstream, often across national borders. The delegations invited a member of PGA Task Force along with PGA technical expert, to conduct site visits to both countries in August 2002. The site-visits resulted in the initial assessment of the conditions of sites along the rivers Kura and Araks, as well as the water quality of Lake Sevan, necessary for development of the monitoring mechanisms.



Ms. Elissavet Papademetriou, MP (Greece) at PGA Clean Air/Clean Water Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa, August 2002



Ms. Hermine Naghdalyan, MP (Armenia) at PGA Clean Air/Clean Water Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa (August 2002)



Ms. Asya Manafova, MP (Azerbaijan) at PGA Clean Air/Clean Water Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa (August 2002)

The two delegations presented the initial findings of the site visits and conducted additional bilateral dialogues during the PGA Parliamentary Workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa in August 2002. These dialogues led to a joint declaration, signed by all participants outlining initiatives to take forward. At the October 2002 bilateral meeting held at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna, Austria, the Azeri and Armenian MPs signed a formal letter of understanding establishing a Coordination Council, a parliamentary monitoring group collaborating with international and national technical experts on information collection and, accessible to the series participants technical database, on the conditions of transboundary water resources.

The delegations also agreed to inform state institutions, and through the work of PGA members such as Mr. Gagik Tadevosyan, MP (Armenia), member of the Committee for Social Affairs, Healthcare and the Environment, and Ms. Asya Manafova, MP (Azerbaijan), Chairwoman of the Commission on Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment, PGA will coordinate with other

international organizations on South Caucasus transboundary water projects to ensure complementarity.

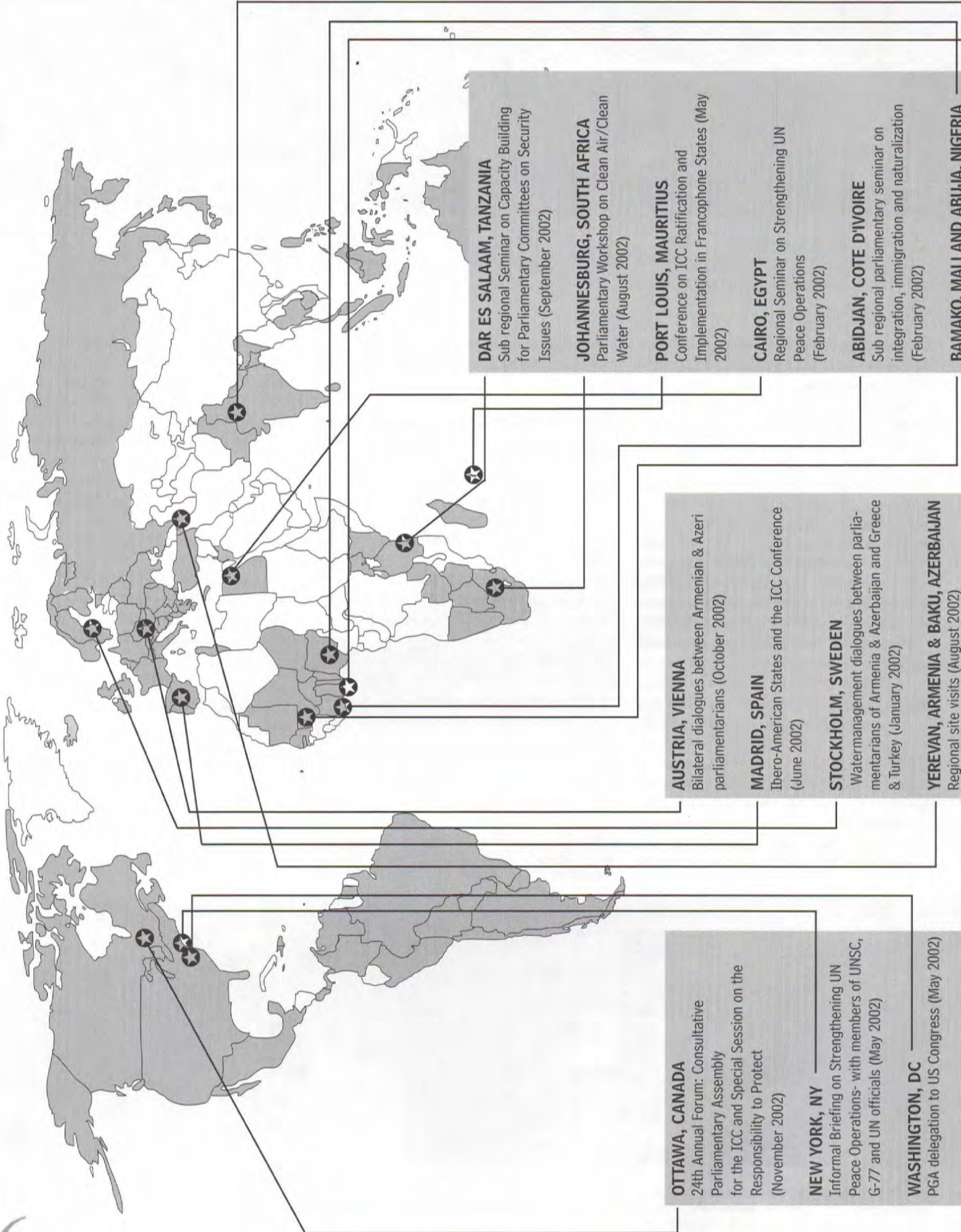
The delegations will also present their site-specific research at the PGA Mediterranean seminar on parliamentary follow-up to the UN World Summit in Athens, Greece in the Fall of 2003, and will continue with extensive parliamentary site visits to the transboundary rivers with international technical experts in late 2003. *



Bilateral Meeting in Vienna, Austria, October 2002
Mr. Gagik Tadevosyan, MP (Armenia); Mr. Stepan Zakaryan, MP (Armenia); Mr. Vardan Mkrtchyan, MP (Armenia); Sen. Longin Pastusiak, President of the Senate (Poland); Mr. Klas Sandstrom, PGA Consultant; Ms. Alexandra Niemirycz, interpreter



Bilateral Meeting in Vienna, Austria, October 2002
Mr. Asaf Hajiev, MP (Azerbaijan); Mr. Oktay Asadov, MP (Azerbaijan)



OTTAWA, CANADA
 24th Annual Forum: Consultative Parliamentary Assembly for the ICC and Special Session on the Responsibility to Protect (November 2002)

NEW YORK, NY
 Informal Briefing on Strengthening UN Peace Operations- with members of UNSC, G-77 and UN officials (May 2002)

WASHINGTON, DC
 PGA delegation to US Congress (May 2002)

AUSTRIA, VIENNA
 Bilateral dialogues between Armenian & Azeri parliamentarians (October 2002)

MADRID, SPAIN
 Ibero-American States and the ICC Conference (June 2002)

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
 Watermanagement dialogues between parliamentarians of Armenia & Azerbaijan and Greece & Turkey (January 2002)

YEREVAN, ARMENIA & BAKU, AZERBAIJAN
 Regional site visits (August 2002)

DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA
 Sub regional Seminar on Capacity Building for Parliamentary Committees on Security Issues (September 2002)

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA
 Parliamentary Workshop on Clean Air/Clean Water (August 2002)

PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS
 Conference on ICC Ratification and Implementation in Francophone States (May 2002)

CAIRO, EGYPT
 Regional Seminar on Strengthening UN Peace Operations (February 2002)

ABIDJAN, COTE D'IVOIRE
 Sub regional parliamentary seminar on integration, immigration and naturalization (February 2002)

BAMAKO, MALI AND ABUJA, NIGERIA

ACCRA, GHANA

Regional Seminar on Strengthening UN Peace Operations (January 2002)

NEW DELHI, INDIA

Regional Seminar on Strengthening UN Peace Operations (March 2002)

PGA MEMBERSHIP BY COUNTRY

* Multi-party PGA National Groups

** Associate Membership

*** Awaiting status

AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Egypt*
 Israel
 Jordan**
 Tunisia
Sub-Saharan
 Benin
 Botswana
 Burkina Faso*
 Burundi**
 Cameroon
 Cape Verde
 Central African Republic
 Chad
 Côte d'Ivoire*
 Ethiopia
 Ghana*
 Guinea
 Kenya
 Mali*
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Mr. Niklas Enander, Junior Project Officer, Nigeria

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Ms. Lori Mann, Consultant

Promoting the ICPD Agenda

PGA has remained involved in the development of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme since its inception, and through its worldwide parliamentary network, has worked to implement the Programme at the national level. Through its unique junior professional officer (JPO) model, PGA has galvanized collaboration among parliaments and their governments, NGOs and the international community, through national-level programmes around population and sustainable development, peace and democracy and international human rights. After successful completion of JPO programmes in Ghana and Senegal, PGA with continued support from Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), and using the successes and lessons learned from its pilot project, has expanded this programme to Nigeria and Mali and is discussing plans for work in other countries.

PGA's JPO in Mali, Ms. Ulrika Broback, has been working with deputies in the National Assembly since June 2002. She has been recruiting new PGA members since the recent

elections, and the national group now consists of 19 members. An action plan with one of the main goals to formulate a law giving HIV/AIDS victims a better status in the society has been worked out and there are regular meetings with members. Also, as a part of the population programme, Ms. Broback has assisted the president of the former parliamentary HIV/AIDS group to re-create this network.

The lack of English skills has hindered Malian Deputies' ability to participate in international fora and events. Thus, in order to strengthen the capacity and the transparency at the National Assembly, Ms. Broback has secured an English course for the Deputies, financed by the British Embassy in Mali. Ms. Broback has also started a quarterly Bulletin on Sustainable Development and Population, which will serve as an instrument for communication and information among the parliamentarians, NGOs, multi- and bilateral organizations.

A close working partnership has been created between PGA and UNDP/Mali. UNDP will start their programme focusing on "strengthening the capacity" at the National Assembly in



Ms. Ulrika Broback, PGA Junior Professional Officer (Mali) and PGA Mali National Group



Participants of Capacitybuilding Workshop in Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria with **Mr. Niklas Enander**, PGA JPO in Nigeria



Participants of Capacitybuilding Workshop in Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria
Ms. Fran Farmer, Sr. Technical Advisor (NDI), Sen. Peter Adyamo (Nigeria); Ms. Grace Delano, Executive Director (ARFH); Mr. Niklas Enander, JPO in Nigeria (PGA)



Rep. Jim Greenwood (USA), President, GLOBE International addressing PGA Clean Air/Clean Water Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa, August 2002

March. The UNDP representative is very pleased to be able to work with Ms. Broback, and each step taken within the programme is with her full consultation. In collaboration with PGA, UNDP is also initiating a program to increase access to the Internet at the Assembly.

Due to the presence of Ms. Broback, Malian deputies have participated in various international meetings and conferences, such as PGA's Annual Forum, the UNFPA International Parliamentary Conference on Implementing the ICPD, and at the recent Third World Water Forum in Kyoto.

Since February 2002, Mr. Niklas Enander, JPO in Nigeria, has worked extensively with MPs on various population and sustainable development activities, in both the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Parliament and the National Assembly of Nigeria. He recently attended the World Population Day at the Nigerian Ministry of Health and was a member of a panel of experts at an open discussion on reproductive health with the Nigerian Youth Corps Services and schools of Abuja. Mr. Enander has also collect-

ed literature and information on female genital mutilation (FGM) for an informational paper and letter that were written by the National Assembly and handed out to traditional and religious leaders of Northern Nigeria, representing the regions where FGM is very common. Mr. Enander also assisted the National Assembly in writing the paper and letter.

Mr. Enander has organized several meetings and constituency projects, such as a conference on the population policies of West Africa with UNFPA and two of the committees of the ECOWAS Parliament. He has also organized workshop in PGA members' constituencies on grassroots empowerment and community participation. Lectures on fundraising, project planning and proposal writing were given at the workshop. He also supervised a practical exercise on proposal planning and writing and helped the ECOWAS Parliament locate a research institute that will carry out four large studies on how to improve the ECOWAS Parliament.

PGA at the World Summit for Sustainable Development
 In parallel to the World Summit on Sustainable

Development PGA in cooperation with the South African Ministry of Health and the South African Ministry of Water Affairs and Forestry organised a two-day Parliamentary Workshop on Clean Air and Clean Water, held in Johannesburg, South Africa on 29-30th of August, 2002. Collaborating nongovernmental organizations included the IUCN, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Waterkeeper Alliance, the Business Council for Sustainable Energy, the FTSE Group, and Innovest. The workshop brought together around 150 participants including PGA members and representatives of US, British, Iranian, Egyptian and other parliaments, experts and NGO representatives from all over the world.

The workshop has resulted in a declaration calling for effective national legislation to reduce air and water pollution. The participants agreed that legislators everywhere can address global issues of energy consumption, water and sanitation by tackling pollution problems at home. Lack of political will and effective governance were acknowledged to be the main obstacles to successful implementation of laws governing pollution. Good governance also emerged as an



PGA Clean Air/Clean Water Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa (August 2002); Dr. Manto E. Tshabalala-Msimang, Minister of Health (South Africa); Rep. Dennis Kucinich, (USA) Deputy Convenor, Sustainable Development and Population Program, PGA; Hon. Theresa Ameley Tagoe, Deputy Minister of Works and Housing, MP (Ghana), Convenor, Sustainable Development and Population Program, PGA



PGA Clean Air/Clean Water Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa (August 2002); Hon. Gilbert Parent, Ambassador for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Canada; Mr. Tony Colman, MP, United Kingdom



PGA Clean Air/Clean Water Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa (August 2002)
Dr. Amin Mobarak, MP (Egypt); **Mayor Jerry Brown**, Mayor of Oakland, California (USA); **Dr. Evelyn A. Mauss**, Senior Science Consultant, NRDC; **Dr. R.K Pachauri**, Director General of TATA Energy and Research Institute, Chair, UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; **Dr. Kobus Gaus**, MP (South Africa); **Ms. Fatima Hajaig**, MP (South Africa)



PGA at ICPD Conference, Ottawa, Canada (November 2002)
Hon. Theresa Ameley Tagoe, Deputy Minister of Housing and Works (Ghana); **Mr. Abdullah Salifu**, MP (Ghana)

important theme in sustaining effective legislation.

PGA Campaign to Support Funds for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

In March 2002, PGA's Executive Board sent a letter to President Bush, urging him to release the \$34 million UNFPA funds under temporary hold by the White House. As a follow-up activity, in collaboration with UNFPA and Population Action International, a delegation of four PGA members: Hon. Theresa Tagoe, Deputy Minister of Works and Housing, MP (Ghana), Ms. Elsa Papademetriou, MP (Greece), and Mr. Tony Worthington, MP (UK) with Katie Tell, PGA Programme Officer, traveled to Washington, DC, on May 22, 2002 to meet with relevant members of the U.S. House and Senate, to discuss the importance of UNFPA worldwide, urging them to take action to demand the release of U.S. funds.

International Parliamentarians Conference on the Implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPI/ICPD)

Over 130 parliamentarians from all over the world gathered in Ottawa, Canada, on November 21-22, 2002, for the United

Nations Population Fund's International Parliamentarians Conference on the Implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPI/ICPD). The goal of the conference was to identify actions that MPs can take to promote reproductive rights and expand access to reproductive health care worldwide.

PGA was a critical force in the development of the ICPD Programme, and through its worldwide parliamentary network, has worked to implement the Programme at the national level. PGA has also been actively involved in the preparatory process for the ICPD. PGA members Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (USA) and the Hon Theresa Ameley-Tagoe, MP (Ghana) served as members of the Steering Committee for the 2002 conference, providing input during the preparatory process as well as during the conference itself. PGA's regional network was represented by 14 additional MPs including such members of PGA Executive Committee as Sen. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada), Mr. Tony Worthington (UK) and Ms. Elsa Papademetriou (Greece) all of whom attended and actively participated in the conference. *



PGA Clean Air/Clean Water Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa (August 2002)
Mr. Jacob Scherr, Natural Resources Defence Council; **Mr. Suresh Keswani**, Parliamentarian Network on the World Bank; **Mr. Mats Karlsson**, VP, External & UN Affairs, The World Bank; **Mr. Mark Malloch-Brown**, Administrator, UNDP



PGA at ICPD Conference, Ottawa, Canada (November 2002)
Mr. Tony Worthington, MP (UK); **Ms. Elissavet Papademetriou**, MP (Greece); **Rep. Joe Crowley**, (D-USA); **Ms. Sarah Cravor**, UNFPA



PGA at ICPD Conference, Ottawa, Canada (November 2002)
Rep. Carolyn Maloney, (D-USA)

PGA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Executive Committee of PGA meets on biannual basis to discuss the programme and management strategies that ensure successful continuation of PGA programmes and activities. The latest meeting of the Executive Committee took place in Ottawa, Canada during the 24th Annual Parliamentary Forum. The Board members present have discussed the programme strategies for all three currently-active PGA programmes and have decided on the activities going forward, including the plans for the upcoming 25th Anniversary of the organization.

National groups guidelines and membership were among the management issues in discussion. As the result of previous research, PGA Executive Committee has accepted an amendment to PGA membership laws that now will include a new category of membership, that of an Associate. Associate Membership will be offered to those potential members whose country's constitutional make-up, at the time such Associate Membership is offered, may not meet in full the requirements for membership. Although an Associate Member will not be allowed to participate in Board or Council elec-

tions or sit on the governing bodies themselves, those awarded with this kind of membership will be able to fully participate in all PGA activities and programmes.

In addition to the membership rules, PGA Board has also reviewed the national group guidelines and decided to establish a two-year rotation for the presidency of National Group. It was thought that this would allow for more active participation of PGA members in the activities of the organization. To increase the transparency of the organization and its management, the Board has also approved a clause providing for summaries of Board decisions distribution among the Heads of the National Groups.

Additionally, at the November meeting the Executive Committee has conducted elections that resulted in Mr. Brigitta Ahlqvist, MP (Sweden), Mr. Tony Worthington, MP (UK), Ms. Elissavet Papademetriou, MP (Greece), Dep. Mamadou Lamine Thiam, MP (Senegal) and Ms. Margaret Alva, MP (India) joining the committee. *

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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 Director
Parliamentarians for Global Action
 211 East 43rd Street, Suite 1604
 New York, NY 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, 2002 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, 2002 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 12, 2003

PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002 EXHIBIT A

ASSETS	Unrestricted Operating	Reserve	Temporarily Restricted	Total All funds
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents		671,677		671,677
Investments		337,610		337,610
Grants and contribution receivable	12,021		364,654	376,675
Other receivable	10,445			10,445
Prepaid expenses	2,156			2,156
Due from temporarily restricted fund	152,357		30,559	
Total Current Assets	176,979	1,039,846	364,654	1,398,563
Fixed Assets				
Fixed assets, at cost net of accumulated depreciation of 194,324 note 2	33,473			33,473
Other Asset				
Security deposits	14,638			14,638
Total Assets	225,090	1,039,846	364,654	1,446,674
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
LIABILITIES				
Current Liability				
Accounts and accrued expenses payable	38,652			38,652
Deferred program revenue	186,438			186,438
Due to Unrestricted fund			182,916	
Total Liabilities	225,090		182,916	225,090
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted				
Operating fund				
Reserve fund		1,039,846		1,039,846
		1,039,846		1,039,846
Temporarily Restricted			181,738	181,738
Total Net Assets		1,039,846	181,738	1,221,584
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	225,090	1,039,846	364,654	1,446,674

**PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002
EXHIBIT B**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total All Funds
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Contributions - Foundations	10,000	55,000	65,000
Contributions - Individuals	10,000		10,000
Contributions - UN and Governments	341,749	694,890	1,036,639
Contributions - Institutions		104,417	104,417
Direct mail	8,193		8,193
Program Revenue	225,913		225,913
Membership dues	2,697		2,697
Investment income	24,407		24,407
Other	(4,140)		(4,140)
Total Support and Revenue	618,819	854,307	\$1,473,126
Net assets released from restrictions			
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	1,246,645	(1,246,645)	
Total Support and Revenue	1,865,464	(392,338)	1,473,126
EXPENSES			
Program Services			
Democracy	535,184		535,184
International Law	392,198		392,198
Sustainable Development and Empowerment of Women	350,188		350,188
Total Program Services	1,277,570		1,277,570
SUPPORTING SERVICES			
Administrative and general	478,850		478,850
Fund raising	42,054		42,054
Total Supporting Services	520,904		520,904
Total Expenses	1,798,474		1,798,474
Change in Net Assets	66,990	(392,338)	(325,348)
Net Assets as of December 31, 2001	972,856	574,076	1,546,932
Net Assets as of December 31, 2002	1,039,846	181,738	1,221,584

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Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	306,827.00
Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)	302,836.00
European Commission	234,719.00
Department of International Foreign Trade (DFAIT) Canada	139,040.00
Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DANIDA)	131,492.00
American University Center for Global Peace	87,508.00
UNFPA	30,325.00
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)	25,441.00
Swiss International Development Agency	23,479.78
	1,629,170.46

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	96,875.00

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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 driving force was the critical need for disarmament, PGA today works on an expanded list of global issues such as fostering democracy, conflict prevention and management, international law and human rights, sustainable development and population.

PGA is an association of over 1300 individual parliamentarians in 105 countries that is action-oriented with specific programmes under the political direction of a 15-member Board. This structure allows PGA to effectively push policies at the national, regional, and international levels. The leadership also includes a thirty-three member International Council that represents all the regions of the world. PGA works closely with the UN system through the advisory body of the UN Committee for PGA comprising senior UN ambassadors, high-level UN officials, and some leading NGO representatives. Current

chair is Ambassador Pierre Schori of Sweden. With a membership of only elected legislators, PGA's members bring their authority and the mandate of their constituents. Its effectiveness is thus due to members' responsibility toward their constituents.

PGA includes in its membership a concentration of high-level politicians, including Prime Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, and Chairs of Finance, Foreign Affairs, Population, Health, and Defense Committees. Many of PGA's members have left parliament for higher government posts. Some of our ex-members have served as President of Iceland, President of Botswana, Prime Minister and President of Trinidad & Tobago, and Vice President of the Dominican Republic. Also, as an NGO of parliamentarians, PGA is the parliamentary link with civil society groups. PGA's programmes on peace and democracy, population and development, and international law work in close cooperation with NGOs and leading research institutions in these fields.

PGA has also had an extremely effective track record with inter-governmental agencies such

as the UN Secretariat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIFEM, UNESCO, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and International IDEA. PGA's guiding principle of enabling dialogue among 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.

Headquartered in New York City, PGA is affiliated to the United Nations as an organization in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. The offices of National Group representatives and other leading PGA members serve as liaison links in various countries around the world. *

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