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PGA 24TH ANNUAL FORUM "A PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC) AND THE PROMOTION OF THE RULE OF LAW", November 4-5th 2002, Ottawa, Canada

Hon. Bill Graham, Minister of Foreign Affairs (Canada), Mr. Chico Francisco, MP (Mozambique), Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Director and CEO, the LIU Center, Ms. Birgitta Alqvist, MP, (Sweden), Senator Khariat Abdul-Razaq, (Nigeria), Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP (Ghana), PGA President

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24TH ANNUAL PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

PGA'S OTTAWA FORUM LAUNCHES THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR THE ICC!!!

"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 serves as a wake-up call - a warning to international criminals anywhere - that there will be no havens, no sanctuaries, for these enemies of humankind."

Irwin Cotler, MP (President, PGA-Canada)



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Mr. Mikhail Grishankov, MP (Russian Federation)

Over 100 parliamentarians from 50 countries representing all regions of the world met in Ottawa, Canada on 4-5 November 2002 to organize a Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC). PGA's 24th Annual Parliamentary Forum, hosted by the PGA Canadian National Group, reaffirmed parliamentary commitment for this first permanent international mechanism to prosecute perpetrators of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity - a commitment that was initially manifested in 1989 when PGA members called for the establishment of the ICC both at the U.N. and in various national parliaments.

The Honorable Bill Graham, Minister of Foreign Affairs (Canada), and the Speakers of the House of Commons and the Senate of Canada 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 state cooperation with the Court through 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 to achieve ratification/accesion. MPs from Burundi, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Mozambique, the Philippines, and the Russian Federation all expressed their commitment to overcome the obstacles that are currently stalling the national ratification processes so that their countries may soon partake in the ICC system. Additionally, representatives of PGA India and a leading PGA member in the U.S. Congress voiced their support for the Court and encouraged sustaining efforts to bring about a new ICC-position in their governments.

MPs from countries that have ratified the

Rome Statute including those from Albania and Kenya shared their experiences in adopting ICC-implementing legislation, thus reigniting parliamentary 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 of good governance and the promotion of democratic values.

On defending the integrity of the Rome Statute, all participants agreed that ICC must count - perhaps, now more than ever - on political support in order to fulfill its historic promise. Parliamentarians have a decisive role to play in defending the Court from outside pressures, for instance, by upholding the principle of equality of all before the law and opposing any dilution of the Statute, be it in the form of bilateral agreements proposed by the U.S., or Security Council resolutions that also put the integrity of the UN Charter in question. ★

The following are excerpts from the Ottawa Plan of Action on the ICC. For a complete copy or for the full conference report, please contact Mr. Juan Kim (juan.kim@pgaction.org)



Sen. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada), Hon. Mr. Dan Hays, Speaker of the Senate (Canada), Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP (Ghana), PGA President



Ambassador Philippe Kirsch, Canadian Ambassador to Sweden, **Mr. Edmond Wellenstein**, Director General & Head of the ICC Task Force, Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs, **Mr. Jean-Jacques Viseur**, MP (Belgium), **Mr. William Pace**, Convenor, CICC, **Ambassador Svend Roed Nielsen**, EU Ambassador (Denmark)



PGA 7th Annual Defender of Democracy Award
Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Afghanistan and **Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah**, Second Deputy Speake (Ghana), PGA President



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), **Mr. Martin Sindabizera**, MP (Burundi)



Mr. Richard Dicker, Human Rights Watch, **Dr. Maj-Britt Theorin**, MEP (Sweden)



7th Annual Defender of Democracy Award
Ambassador Philippe Kirsch, Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Sweden



MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

Hon. David Musila, MP, Deputy Speaker (Kenya)



1. Why did you join PGA?

I was introduced to PGA through Kenyan parliament. I joined because I was attracted by PGA's ideals, namely promotion of democratic principles and by the major role PGA has played in developing and strengthening democratic institutions and principles.

2. How long have you been involved in politics and what motivated you to become a parliamentarian?

This is my sixth year in politics. I was motivated to join politics to improve development in rural areas and first got involved through the rural development projects in my constituency. I was elected to parliament in 1997 for a five-year term as a representative of the Eastern Province of Kenya. During that time, I served as the Chair of the Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee. Currently, I am a member of the National Rainbow Coalition (NARC), which won the recent elections. I have been appointed the Deputy Speaker in the new parliament.

3. What are your main interests in international work?

I am interested in peace and democracy, especially in mechanisms for conflict prevention that would allow to resolve the numerous conflicts in my region of East Africa, swamped by violent conflicts in Sudan, Somalia, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs has been involved in fora on these issues. Our parliament has been involved in resolution of many of these conflicts, including Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe.

I am very interested in strengthening PGA's presence in the Kenyan parliament. Now, that we have a new government and parliament, we need to recruit new PGA members, strengthen our PGA national group and entrench PGA more deeply in the Kenyan Parliament. PGA is a very important organization that can enhance our international presence.

4. What has been your most memorable and rewarding PGA experience so far?

I attended PGA's Sub-regional Seminar on Capacity Building of Parliamentary Committees on Security Issues in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania September 19-20, 2002. It was a very rewarding and useful experience as it gave me an opportunity to meet, interact and learn from the experiences of parliamentarians from various parts of Africa.

5. Do you have a message that you would like to share with other members?

The work of PGA in peace and democracy is very crucial and I will become more involved and would like to urge other members to become more involved to ensure that PGA continues to enhance democratic processes. The recent elections in Kenya have proven that upholding the democratic processes from the beginning provides a victory not only for Kenya and its people but also for democracy itself.

PGA sends our warmest wishes to the following Kenyan PGA members who were re-elected and nominated to new positions:

Hon. Michael Wamalwa,
MP & Vice-President of Kenya

Hon. Mukhisa Kituyi,
MP & Minister of Trade

Hon. Charity Kaluki Ngilu,
MP & Minister of Health

Hon. Professor Peter Anyang'-nyongo,
MP & Minister of Planning

Hon. Kipruto Kurwa,
MP & Minister of Agriculture

Hon. David Musila,
MP & Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Mr. Emmanuel Maitha Karisa
Mr. William Kipchirchir Arap
Mr. Adan Keynan
Ms. Musa C. Sirma
Mr. Emmanuel Karisa Maitha
Mr. Soyita Shitanda
Mr. Moses Wetang'ula



PGA SPECIAL SESSION ON THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT: THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

As part of the 24th Annual Parliamentary Forum, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) held a Special Session on the Responsibility to Protect on November 6, 2002 in Ottawa, Canada. The meeting brought political focus to The Responsibility to Protect report, published by the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty (ICISS). This was the first international parliamentary political meeting held on the report since its publication, reviewing the responsibility to protect, intervene and rebuild. Participants reflected on their own national and regional policies for conflict prevention and peace building. 168 participants attended the meeting, including 95 parliamentarians from 50 countries, ambassadors, ministers, and members of civil society and representatives of international organizations. Parliamentarians from Cote d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, and Burundi briefed their colleagues on the situations in their countries and reflected on how the international

community could assist their own conflict resolution and reconstruction.

Minister Bill Graham, Minister of Foreign Affairs (Canada) and **Mr. Lloyd Axworthy**, Former Foreign Minister (Canada) and currently Director/CEO of the LIU Center at University of British Columbia inaugurated the meeting during the Opening Ceremony of the Forum on November 4th, 2002. In his Opening Address, Minister Graham introduced the report by saying that its purpose "is to find new common ground on the use of military force in response to genocide, ethnic cleansing and other mass atrocities."

In the Opening Ceremony on November 6th, **Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah**, Second Deputy Speaker (Ghana) and President of PGA, provided examples of PGA activities where PGA members engaged in prevention, intervention, and rebuilding through PGA's Peace and Democracy Program. Hon. Dzirasah urged the parliamentar-

"The report looks at the question of violence and conflict from the perspective of the victim, not the intervener, changes the measurement by which it determined the ground for intervention".

Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Director/CEO of the LIU Center at University of British Columbia



Dr. Irwin Cotler, MP (Canada), Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP (Ghana)
President, PGA, Ms. Shazia Rafi, SG, PGA

ians to strengthen their capacity to effectively forge political consensus to carry out effectively the recommendations of the report. H.E. Mr. Paul Heinbecker, Ambassador of Canada to the United Nations (UN), presented Canada's key leadership role in developing the report particularly that recasted the traditional right to intervene argument into the notion of state responsibility to protect thus resulting in a fundamental shift in the principles of humanitarian intervention.

In the first session, Ms. Marie Gervais-Vidricaire, Director, Global Issues Bureau of Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) outlined the continued commitment of Canadian government to the implementation of the report. Mr. Ed Mortimer, Chief UN Speechwriter and Director of Communication for the Executive Office of the

Secretary General (EOSG), conveyed Secretary General Kofi Annan's support for the meeting and elaborated on the responsibilities implied within the concept of sovereignty. **Mr. Tony Worthington**, MP (United Kingdom) chaired the session on Responsibility to Prevent- Role of Parliamentarians. "It is easy to feed and rebuild roofs but much more difficult to create democracy, social institutions and a framework for a peaceful and just society, and this is where parliamentarians come in," noted Mr. Worthington. **Rep. Dennis Kucinich**, D-OH (US), a re-elected the day before to the US House of Representatives Democrat, discussed the role of parliamentarians in the context of the crisis in Iraq in light of the recommendations of the report. As a House of Representatives leader of the opposition to the war in Iraq, he urged MPs from all over the world to make their concerns heard repeatedly by the US Congress and emphasized the importance of speaking with moral judgment and not condemnation.

Ms. Elissavet Papademetriou, MP (Greece) spoke about the role of PGA parliamentarians in conflict resolution by the means of water-management dialogues between Azeri-Armenian and Greek-Turkish parliamentarians. In discussing the responsibility of the state to prevent, **Mr. David Coltart**, opposition MP from Zimbabwe, gave an update on the current crisis in his country. He urged PGA parliamentarians to play a role in bringing forth the peaceful reforms in Zimbabwe.

During the discussion sessions following the presentations, it was suggested that one way to achieve legislative oversight is for parliament to exercise its power as a legislative/budgetary body to ensure that defense spending does not eclipse development spending. The participants were also encouraged to stimulate the discussion of the report in their own parliaments with the goal of establishing procedures and mechanisms for prevention and rebuilding. **Mr. Gerrit Van Owen**, MP (The Netherlands) emphasized the need to strengthen parliaments' role in policy making for rebuilding. **Mr. Ibrahima Sorie**, MP (Sierra Leone) reminded participants that if the doctrine of responsibility to protect is to be taken seriously, regional organizations, such as



Rep. Dennis Kucinich, (D-Ohio, USA)



Mr. David Coltart, MP (Zimbabwe)



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

"The root causes of the Zimbabwean crisis are bad governance, mismanagement, corruption and an illegitimate government that won an election through a fraudulent process. The only way to tackle these issues is to first restore legitimacy through new elections that would conform, at the least, to SADC election standards. Everything possible must be done to restore legitimacy and revamp electoral laws and practices".

David Coltart, opposition MP from Zimbabwe.

ECOWAS, must also be strengthened.

The Session on Responsibility to Intervene, chaired by **Mr. Svend Robinson**, MP (Canada), highlighted the work of PGA parliamentarians in the conflicts in Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, and Burundi. Following Mr. Robinson, **Mr. Yves Rocheleau**, Bloc Quebecois representative in the House of Commons of Canada and an active participant of PGA's missions in

Cote d'Ivoire, spoke of the dangers to democracy and backtracking in constitutional development that has been facing Cote d'Ivoire since 18 September 2002. **Hon. Mollé Mollé**, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Côte d'Ivoire), who was brought to the conference by PGA as part of a three person consultative parliamentary delegation, briefed participants on the current crisis of Côte d'Ivoire. **Dep. Lamine Thiam** (Senegal) provided the regional perspective on the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire and the role that Senegal has played in peacemaking in the region. **Dep. Norbert Ndiwokubwayo** (Burundi) and **Dip. Marco Ameglio Samudio** (Panama) spoke on the situation in Burundi and Haiti respectively, focusing especially on PGA's interventions in both countries. The discussions also raised issues of when should the international community intervene and what should be the roles of inter-governmental organizations like the United Nations and NGOs like PGA in interventions.

On the topic of Responsibility of States to Rebuild, **Ms. Sally Armstrong**, journalist and UNICEF Special Representative to Afghanistan provided an overview of the rebuilding effort and conditions of women in Afghanistan. She also cautioned of the danger of neglecting Afghanistan in its rebuilding phase, as the world attention is moving to Iraq. **Dr. Simon Chesterman**, International Peace Academy 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. **Mr. Ibrahima Soiree** of Sierra Leone, who was brought to the conference as part of a consultative parliamentary delegation from his country, informed the participants of the positive direction and outcomes of the ongoing rebuilding activities in Sierra Leone.

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 implications on sovereignty to the situations on the ground in zones of conflict. ★



Mr. Benjamin Sonke, MP (Cameroon), **Ms. Koffi Amenan Dikebie**, MP (Cote d'Ivoire), **Dep. Saran Deme-Seremé**, MP (Burkina Faso)



Ms. Sally Armstrong, Journalist and UNICEF Representative to Afghanistan, **Hon. Justice E. Cowan**, Speaker of Parliament (Sierra Leone), **Dr. Simon Chesterman**, International Peace Academy



Dip. Margarita Stolbizer, MP (Argentina), **Ms. Loretta Ann Rosales**, MP (Philippines), **Mr. Miloslav Zvonar**, MP (The Netherlands), **Mr. Coskun Cörüz**, MP (The Netherlands), **Mr. Atanas Paporizov**, MP (Bulgaria)

INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIANS CONFERENCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (IPCI/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 (UNFPA) International Parliamentarians Conference on the Implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (IPCI/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.

The 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), held in Cairo, was a watershed event, with over 180 nations adopting a Programme of Action calling for universal access to reproductive health care by 2015, along with goals for reducing maternal mortality and extending primary education to all girls and boys. Governments agreed that advancing women's rights and enabling couples and individuals to choose freely the number and spacing of their children would contribute to early stabilization of world population. However, the progress towards meeting the Cairo goals has stalled. Today, at least 350 million couples still lack access to a full range of modern family planning methods, almost half of all childbirths are without qualified medical attendance, and the AIDS pandemic shows no sign of slowing.

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 ICPI/ICPD. PGA members Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (US), and the Honorable Theresa Ameley-Tagoe, Deputy Minister of Housing and Works (Ghana), served as members of the Steering Committee for the 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), Dep. Famara Sarr (Senegal), Mr. Tony Worthington (UK), Dep. Sangare (Mali) and Ms. Elsa Papademetriou (Greece), all of whom attended and actively participated in the UNFPA conference.

PGA members discussed how to create conditions for advancement of the ICPD goals. Their interventions highlighted the importance of the ICPD in developing countries, emphasizing the need for increased laws, policies and services for all. Pressure was placed on the industrial countries to provide adequate funding. The meeting, hosted by the Canadian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development, featured panels of ministers from around the world, including Afghanistan, China, the United Kingdom and Canada. ★



Mr. Tony Worthington, MP (UK), Ms. Elissavet Papademetriou, MP (Greece), Rep. Joe Crowley (D-USA), Ms. Sarah Cravor, UNFPA



Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-USA)



Hon. Theresa Ameley Tagoe, Deputy Minister of Housing and Works (Ghana), Mr. Abdullah Salifu, MP (Ghana)

PGA SUB-REGIONAL SEMINAR ON CAPACITY BUILDING FOR PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES ON SECURITY ISSUES DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

Parliamentarians for Global Action, in partnership with the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania, hosted a seminar on 'Capacity Building for Parliamentary Committees on Security Issues' in Dar es Salaam on 19-20th of September 2002. Members of parliament from Burundi, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Sweden, Tanzania and Uganda along with ambassadors, embassy representatives, members of civil society and international and local organizations took part in this event that was characterized by a spirit of open and constructive exchange as well as willingness on the part of the participants to learn from each other in order to jointly find common solutions to the problems of their region.

The seminar recognized the importance of the need for regional co-operation, integration and security in East Africa given the socio-economic, political and security realities of the region. During the deliberations it was highlighted that peace and security are intimately linked to issues of poverty, disease, the environment, ethnic politics and political conflict. Many participants accepted that there is a renewed and growing global trend towards regional co-operation utilized as a tool for tackling a variety of security and other challenges facing the region.

The issues discussed during the Seminar included regional parliamentary peacemaking; budgetary issues in security decision-making processes; national security and the International Criminal Court; oversight of security decision-making from a regional perspective, and co-ordination between military, parliamentary and civilian bodies; and strengthening the government-opposition relations.

The seminar has been generally characterized by an agreement on the premise first formulated in the opening remarks of **Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah**, Deputy Speaker of Ghana and President of PGA, that parliamentarians have a

big role in promoting development that in all its facets is highly dependent on peace and security. Furthermore, the host of the conference **Hon. Juma Jamaldin Akukweti**, Deputy Speaker (Tanzania) asserted that it is vital to ensure that national security systems are equipped for preventing and repressing international crimes, including genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. The opening session was concluded by a presentation of **H.E. Ambassador Sten Rylander**, Swedish Ambassador to Tanzania. Ambassador Rylander further argued that 'democratically elected parliaments representing the people...should, of course, always be in the forefront as good custodians of peace and stability'.

The session on regional parliamentary peacemaking that succeeded the opening remarks further discussed parliamentary diplomacy and its potential linkages to development and emphasized the importance of parliaments as vibrant and sustainable governance institutions. **Dr. Willibrod Peter Slaa**, MP (Tanzania) reminded the participants that conflict and war are manifestations of underdevelopment.



Dep. Christian Sendegeya (Burundi), **Dr. Willibrod Slaa**, MP (Tanzania), **Mr. Jack Sabiiti**, MP (Uganda)

However, as argued by **Mr. Norbert Mao**, MP (Uganda) and Acting Chairperson of the Great Lakes Parliamentary Forum on Peace the levels of co-operation between parliaments in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda are low. As the parliaments are typically weak compared to the executives, parliamentarians should engage the governments without compromising their independence and authority of the governments, while remaining impartial in their conduct. **Dep. Adrien Sibomana**, MP (Burundi) who followed Dr. Slaa, also urged the present parliamentarians to engage in further cooperation between the parliaments of the region.

The following session featuring chairs of parliamentary economic affairs & finance committee from Uganda: **Ms. Beatrice Kiraso**, M.; Burundi; **Dep. Victoire Ndikumana**, MP; and Kenya; **Mr. Simeon Mkalla**, MP, focused on budgetary implications, issues of constitutional accountability, as well as foreign affairs perspective. The panelists also stressed the importance of tighter cooperation between parliamentarians of the region that as an essential tool for capacity building and democratization and fluid functioning of the parliaments of the Great Lakes region. Ms. Beatrice Kiraso, MP (Uganda) asserted that executive oversight is one of the most important responsibilities of committees.

The session devoted to national security and the International Criminal Court (ICC) tackled the issue of training the armed forces to respect international humanitarian law and human rights, ensuring that national security systems are equipped for preventing and repressing international crimes (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. **Mr. Derefa**, MP, Chair of Legal & Parliamentary Affairs Committee (Tanzania) raised a contentious issue of the linkages between liberation and peace and questioned whether liberation automatically leads to peace. The ICC has been mentioned as a potentially powerful legal tool in bringing peace to the region that has gravely suffered from the crimes against humanity. **Mr. Simon Mayende**, MP, Chair of the Defense and



Mr. Njelu Kasata, MP (Tanzania), **Dep. Adrien Sibomana** (Burundi), **Hon. Jean Minani**, Speaker of National Assembly (Burundi)



Mr. Njelu Kasata, MP (Tanzania), **Ms. Beatrice Kiraso**, MP (Uganda), **Dep. Victoire Ndikumana** (Burundi)



Dr. Khoti A.C. Kanarga, University of Dar es Salaam, **Mr. Simon Mayende**, MP (Uganda), **Mr. Leonard Derefa**, MP (Tanzania), **Dr. David Donat-Cattin**, Sr. Programme Officer, PGA

Internal Affairs Committee (Uganda) urged the parliaments to rise to the challenge of reconciling the ICC Statute and legal requirements of ratification with such domestic legal orders as magisterial courts, judiciaries, and parliaments.

The oversight of security decision-making from regional perspectives and the co-ordination between military, parliamentary and civilian bodies was discussed at the fourth session of the conference. This session focused on the crucial question of democratic governance of the security sector, and looked at the case study of opportunity analysis of national budgets. **Mr. David Musila**, MP (Kenya) called the parliamentary committees to go beyond mere rubber stamp roles, and involve other committees through their chairpersons. The issue of 'democratic deficit' of the parliament was further discussed by the example of the EU by **Mr. Per Gahrton**, MEP (Sweden). It has been concluded that as the maintenance of peace requires multiple resources, parliamentarians must play a greater role in defense and military budgetary issues. Members of Parliaments need to be constantly informed by governments and the executive should seek the approval of legislatures for defense and foreign affairs actions. To avoid potential exaggeration of military threats, often incurring in the region, deeper democratic governance, requiring openness and transparency must be invoked.

The final session discussed the government-opposition relations with specific emphasis on such key issues as civil society participation, systems of proportional representation, institutional challenges, regional and international trends and implications. As discussed by Hon. Dzirasah, African opposition parties often engage in opposition for the sake thereof. In turn, the governments, mentioned **Dr. Mukisha Kituyi**, MP (Kenya) typically view the opposition as the enemy and tend to protect the defense and security matters as confidential issues dealt only by the government. Therefore, a culture of mutual respect and accommodation between the governing and opposition parties of African parliaments needs to be created as a prerequisite to true democracy. Transparency and openness should be fostered through providing parliament with timely, accessible and accurate information on defense and foreign policy. **Dep. Oscar**



Dep. Balthazar Ndengenyiaka (Rwanda), **Mr. David Musila**, Deputy Speaker (Kenya), **Dr. John Samuel Malecela**, MP (Tanzania)

Nibogora from Burundi further expressed the opinion that opposition political parties are key actors in the matrix of parliamentary processes and democratic governance. **Mr. Rashid Mohammed**, MP (Tanzania) whose paper was presented by Dr. Slaa, argued that as the promotion of proportional representation and political pluralism is essential for democratic system, a wider inclusion of the civil society could serve as a way to broaden the notion of opposition. Therefore, research and analysis becomes important means of strengthening the capacities of opposition parties to become effective. While political competition should be encouraged, stressed **Mr. Eugene Owusu**, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Tanzania, there is an equal need to move away from the winner-take-all politique. Mr. Owusu reinforced the importance of civil society in strengthening government-opposition relations and reiterated that

these relations could be reformed by creating multi-party co-ordination mechanisms, and cross cutting multi-party collaboration on strategic issues.

The seminar has resulted in an overarching conclusion reiterating the crucial role that parliaments play in strengthening and consolidating democracy and democratic governance, and promoting national and regional security and peace. It espoused the idea that parliaments are key players in expressing the requirements for democracy, peace, security, regional co-operation and integration. The oversight of the executive, including in the areas of defense, security, and foreign policy decision-making, should take place at this level, and the capacities of parliament to fulfill these goals in competent fashion need constant bolstering. ★

ICC UPDATE

As of January 15, 2003, 87 countries have ratified the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, bringing the number of countries supporting the Court close to 100! The latest countries to join the Court were Barbados, Djibouti, Republic of Korea, Zambia, Malta, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

45 candidates were nominated for the election of judges for the ICC. Of these candidates 10 are women, 35 men; 11 come from Africa, 9 from Latin America and the Caribbean, 12 from Western Europe and Canada, 7 from Central and Eastern Europe and 6 from Asia. The Assembly of

States Parties (ASP) will elect 18 judges from this pool on February 3-7, 2003. This will be followed by the swearing-in of the judges at a special inaugural ceremony in The Hague, Netherlands, on March 11, 2003.

The ASP continues to hold talks on the selection of the Prosecutor for the ICC. In light of the Prosecutor's fundamental role, States Parties have sought to agree on a consensus candidate for the post of the Prosecutor. The issue has not yet been resolved.

As you may know, the U.S. has been seeking what

have come to be known as bilateral non-surrender agreements, for the purposes of protecting its nationals and opposing the ICC. As of January 15, 2003, only 17 countries have signed such agreements - among them, India, Nepal, Tajikistan, East Timor and the Dominican Republic. These agreements will in many cases be submitted to parliament for ratification, which is required for the agreement to become binding.

For more information on the ICC and PGA's "ICC Campaign", please contact Juan Kim, International Law and Human Rights Program.

EXCERPTS FROM THE OTTAWA PLAN OF ACTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC)

Considering that millions of victims of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes were denied justice for atrocities suffered in the past century and continue to suffer from several scenarios of conflict or gross human rights violations throughout the world...

Affirming that the ICC is a milestone in the development of a culture of accountability and human rights, and thus provides a unique opportunity to reinforce democracy and the rule of law...

THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC) & THE PROMOTION OF THE RULE OF LAW, FOLLOWING ITS DELIBERATIONS HELD IN OTTAWA ON 4 AND 5 NOVEMBER 2002 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION (PGA), AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

ON THE RATIFICATION AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROME STATUTE OF THE ICC

- a) To appeal to parliaments and governments of the States that did not yet ratify the Rome Statute to speed up the process of ratification or accession...
- b) To contribute to the adoption in all States Parties to the Rome Statute of any legislative or administrative measure to effectively implement the Statute in domestic legal systems, including the incorporation of the core crimes under international law and the general principles of international criminal law.

- ACTION:**
- 1. A second session of the consultative assembly of parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) shall take place in the year 2003 at a date and venue to be determined through consultations between PGA and interested Parliament(s)...
 - 2. Parliamentarians for Global Action will maintain a special channel of assistance for, and communication with, all MPs who will take action on the basis of the Ottawa Plan of Action...

ON THE INTEGRITY, CREDIBILITY & EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

- a) To uphold the principle of equality of all before the law throughout the world as the only acceptable foundation of the Rome Statute, and to oppose any unilateral, bilateral or multilateral effort by States or by the UN Security Council to limit the Court's jurisdiction, as this would undermine the integrity and credibility of the new institution even before it starts to operate...
- c) To use our best efforts to pressure governments to provide the financial means to guarantee the highest level of independence and efficiency of the ICC, thus complying with the requirement to pay assessed contributions according to the ICC budget and to generate voluntary contributions for the Trust Fund for victims and their families, as well as to ensure the nomination and election of highly qualified and independent judges and prosecutor.
- d) To foster dialogue between Members of the US Congress and other parliamentarians;

ACTION: To ensure parliamentary support for a fair, independent and effectively functioning ICC

Adopted in Ottawa, Canada, on 5 November 2002.

ONGOING PROGRESS OF PGA'S JUNIOR PROJECT OFFICERS

ACTIVITIES IN MALI

WORK AROUND MALI'S NEW BUDGET

On November 14th, Ms. Ulrika Broback, PGA Junior Project Officer, Sustainable Development and Population Programme, was invited to attend the monthly donor meeting with all representatives of the European Union in Mali at the Dutch Embassy. At the meeting, Ms. Broback gave a presentation for ambassadors of the European Commission, France, Holland, Belgium, Sweden, the UK and Germany. Her presentation introduced PGA and her mission as JPO. She also gave a short outline of the three missions of the National Assembly, followed by an analysis of the present parliamentary capacity situation with regard to human capital and administrative resources. The participants showed a great interest in PGA network and specifically in Sustainable Development and Population Programme.

The National Assembly will adopt its new budget in early 2003. This will be the first national budget based on the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP/CSLP) in Mali. Due to the high share of newly elected deputies without previous parliamentary work experience, deputies have requested a budget seminar, which will give an overview of the basic elements of a budget procedure. Sustainable development and population issues within the budget framework will be highlighted. 40 deputies will be invited to participate, including everyone from the "Commission des Finances, de l'Economie et du Plan" as well as 1-2 deputies from each one of the other 10 commissions. This activity is planned to be the start of a more continual series of seminars. There is also an interest in supporting a budget expert to be placed in the National Assembly for a longer period next year.

MALI'S POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY PAPER

A large workshop on the development of the Malian poverty reduction strategy paper (PRSP/CSLP) was arranged by Ministère de l'Economie et des Finances at the Palais des Congrès, 28-29 November, 2002. Even though the government has repeatedly confirmed the importance of including the National Assembly in the process, Ms. Broback was the only one representing the Parliament. Ms. Broback's presence at the meeting attracted the interest of many agencies, most notably the representative of UNDP, who is interested in discussing further capacity building activities in the Parliament. ★



Ms. Ulrika Broback, PGA Junior Professional Officer

ACTIVITIES IN NIGERIA

WORK AROUND NIGERIAN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ICC STATUTE

In November the Nigerian Coalition for the Implementation of the Statute of International Criminal Court and National Human Rights Commission invited Mr. Niklas Enander, PGA Junior Project Officer, Sustainable Development and Population Programme, to participate in a weeklong seminar on the implementation of the International Criminal Court in Nigeria and to speak at a roundtable discussion at the National Assembly on the same topic.

The seminar was held in Abuja and was attended by representatives from the international community, Nigerian civil service and civil society. The seminar was a great success resulting in an increased participants' awareness about the ICC and the challenges for Nigeria in implementing the ICC Statute.

On November 14, 2002 Mr. Enander attended and spoke at a round table discussion at the House of Representatives of the National Assembly. Seven Honorable Members including the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Committees on Human Rights and Judiciary Affairs attended it. The topic of the roundtable discussion was the problems of implementation of the ICC Statute and the conflicting laws of Nigeria. Mr. Enander highlighted the conflicts between Nigerian national legislation and the ICC Statute, paying specific attention to many national laws on women's rights and family law. This roundtable came at a very pertinent time, as the National Assembly was just about to pass a bill on the implementation of the ICC Statute. ★



Mr. Niklas Enander greeting **Hon. Manto E. Tshabalala-Msimang**, Minister of Health, South Africa at the PGA Workshop on Clean Air/Clean Water, Johannesburg, South Africa

DIALOGUE ON COOPERATION AND MUTUAL BENEFITS WITH PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN

Con 12-13 October 2002 Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) organized the third in the series roundtable discussion between the Members of the Parliaments from Armenia and Azerbaijan, hosted by the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna, Austria. The series of dialogues have brought together parliamentarians from the relevant committees of both parliaments in an effort to review and promote environmental legislation; develop joint monitoring projects along the affected Kura and Araks rivers; and implement international conventions critical to such a bilateral project. The series also aim to promote cooperation of the individual parliamentarians from both sides in an effort to enhance relations between their countries. In Vienna, the delegations, who had previously met at PGA bilateral dialogues in Stockholm in January 2002 and Johannesburg in August 2002, reiterated the importance of the one-on-one format of the meetings, which provides an informal working relationship and level of cooperation that would be difficult to achieve in such a short timeframe elsewhere.

Senator Longin Pastusiak, President of the Polish Senate and Deputy Convenor of PGA Peace and Democracy Programme, served as facilitator for the meeting, bringing his vast experience to the discussions. **Mr. Sandstrom**, PGA consultant and expert on water issues, reiterated the previously asserted by parliamentarians from both sides need for a safe sustainable supply of clean water to both countries, adding that during the series of interparliamentary meetings held in Johannesburg both parties agreed on the need for adequate information exchange and establishment of a technical review team that will work in the region with the participating parliamentarians and the international community to review technical data and define joint projects.

Mr. Oktay Asadov, MP (Azerbaijan), who serves as the deputy chairman for energy and environmental issues committee in the Azeri Parliament, also noted that earlier PGA bilateral meetings had proved that MPs could identi-

fy areas for cooperation without raising sensitive political issues that could stall progress, and the developing friendship between the two delegations has raised hopes for soon to be achieved implementation of the concrete plan of action developed as a result of the continuing dialogues.

One of the issues raised at the Johannesburg meeting, included the conformity with International Conventions of both parties and their implementation as a necessary prerequisite for successful continuation of the dialogues and their practical implementation. In the course of the Vienna meeting, the Armenian delegation noted their support for the international conventions such as the Agreement on Cooperation on Watermanagement issues as well as sustainable development signed by the European Union and the Caucasus countries in Johannesburg, South Africa during the United Nations Summit.

Furthermore, the Armenian delegation has further reflected on the joint monitoring commit-

tee to be established as a part of the Johannesburg plan of action by stressing that joint parliamentary delegation would collaborate on monitoring of water resources, data processing and analysis, water quality and treatment using artificial and natural means, and the assessment of the environmental impact of degradation. As the Araks river, which flows into the Caspian Sea, has low quality drinking water and water levels rising to catastrophic levels, creating an economic problem for both Armenia and Azerbaijan, the focus of the project will be on data collection and monitoring of pollution levels, added **Mr. Gagik Tadevosyan**, MP (Armenia) and **Mr. Asadov**, MP (Azerbaijan). Increased collaboration is essential, as "water resources do not have boundaries or nationalities, and do not know conflict", noted Mr. Gagik Tadevosyan, MP (Armenia).

Mr. Asadov also emphasized that deteriorating water quality has resulted from increased manufacturing along the rivers. Joint parliamentary efforts can provide the necessary pressure on



Mr. Gagik Tadevosyan, MP (Armenia), **Mr. Stepan Zakaryan**, MP (Armenia), **Mr. Vardan Mkrtchyan**, MP (Armenia), **Sen. Longin Pastusiak**, President of the Senate (Poland)

the respective governments to adopt projects, and participating parliamentarians can put aside any political objectives and frankly discuss their common need for environmental action. **Mr. Vardan Mkrychan**, MP (Armenia) added that management and utilization of resources cannot be solved without a cross-country system of information sharing on the status of transborder rivers. This is particularly critical for the South Caucasus. Therefore, both parties have also expressed their hope that discussions between Armenia and Azerbaijan on developing a water-monitoring project will expand to the other countries in the Southern Caucasus, most particularly Georgia, in the near future.

The parties have reiterated their agreement on developing a parliamentary database of ratified international conventions and local and national environmental laws that will serve as the first step in the collaboration. It has been further emphasized that the database could potentially become the venue for future collaboration and information sharing on social and economic issues in both countries.

Mr. Asaf Hajyev, MP (Azerbaijan), noted that both delegations were in agreement on the process forward, a dramatic change from previous years, when there was no discussion between the parliaments. **Mr. Stepan Zakaryan**, MP (Armenia), added that "when words are transformed into actions, mutual trust is deepened between the two countries. Cooperation in concrete areas is needed, to later apply that trust to collaboration on regulating problems in the political sphere." Water resources are a general human issue and essential to the general population. Parliamentary involvement in ensuring that clean and safe drinking water is available is a critical first step in parliamentary cooperation.

In conclusion, the participants have produced a formal letter of understanding signed by all participants. In the letter both parties agreed to form a Coordination Council, composed of



Mr. Asaf Hajyev, MP (Azerbaijan), **Mr. Oktay Asadov**, MP (Azerbaijan)



Mr. Slawomir Bedkowski, security officer, **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.

the participating parliamentarians who will inform and involve local and national authorities in the process. Both sides have agreed to reconvene in the Spring of 2003 in a series of follow-up meetings and site visits to take the monitoring project forward.

His Excellency Mr. Vagif Sadigov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Austria, and Secretary of the Embassy of Armenia in Austria, also attended the meeting and commended the participants on the outcomes of the meeting by offering the support of their governments in ensuring that this collaboration receives all the assistance necessary. ★

The Executive Committee of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) meets on biannual basis to discuss the programme and management strategies that ensure the 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 on the International Criminal Court and the Special Session on the Responsibility to Protect. 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



Sen. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada), Sen. Longin Pastusiak, President of the Senate (Poland), Mr. Karl-Goran Biorsmark, MP (Sweden), Treasurer of PGA

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 elections 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.



Hon. Mollé Mollé, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Côte d'Ivoire), Dr. David Donat-Cattin, Sr. Programme Officer, PGA, Sen. Anthony Johnson (Jamaica), Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand)

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 the National Groups. 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 approved a clause providing for summaries of Board decisions distribution among the Heads of the National Groups. ★



Sen. Anthony Johnson (Jamaica), **Mr. Ross Robertson**, MP (New Zealand), **Mr. Yoshito Kimata**, MP (Japan)



Ms. Agnes Kobba, MP (Sierra Leone), **Hon. Justice Edmond K. Cowan**, Speaker of Parliament (Sierra Leone), **Mr. Ibrahim Sorie**, MP (Sierra Leone), **Ms. Koffi Amenan Dikebie**, MP (Cote d'Ivoire), **Mr. Hamad Rashid Mohamed**, MP (Tanzania), **Ms. Kanaté Fofana Namissata**, MP (Cote d'Ivoire)



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2003 UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2003

25th Anniversary Tribute to Parliamentarians for Global Action (Washington, D.C.)

PEACE & DEMOCRACY PROGRAM

DATES TO BE DETERMINED

Task Force missions to Cote d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone

FEBRUARY 2003

Armenian-Turkish Bilateral meeting on Regional Economic Cooperation (Dublin, Ireland)

SPRING 2003

Peace and Democracy Programme Consultation Session (New York, NY)

APRIL 2003

PGA delegation site visits to assess river degradation (Baku, Azerbaijan and Yerevan, Armenia)

APRIL 2003

Azeri-Armenian bilateral dialogue on water management issues (Vienna, Austria)

JUNE 2003

Greek-Turkish Task Force meeting with European Union Commissioners (Brussels, Belgium)

NOVEMBER 2003

Azeri-Armenian bilateral meeting on water management issues (Strasbourg, France)

NOVEMBER 2003

Responsibility to Protect regional seminar (Kampala, Uganda)

INTERNATIONAL LAW & HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM

JANUARY 2003

Briefing on the Implementing Legislation to Incorporate the Rome Statute into Nigerian Law (Abuja, Nigeria)

FEBRUARY 2003

Regional Parliamentary Conference for the Community of Independent States (CIS): The International Criminal Court, promoting human rights and fighting terrorism (Moscow, Russia)

MAY/JUNE 2003

Strategy Meeting on the International Criminal Court: Protecting the integrity of the Rome Statute (Athens, Greece)

FALL 2003

Ibero-American Conference on the International Criminal Court - II session (Bogota, Colombia)



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| FALL 2003 | <i>Strategy Meeting on the International Criminal Court: special session for parliamentarians and leading international lawyers (New York, New York)</i> |
| OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2003 | <i>A Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC and the Rule of Law - II session (Washington, D.C.)</i> |
| SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & POPULATION PROGRAM | |
| JANUARY 2003 | <i>Reproductive Health Fair - Collaboration between PGA and Pathfinder Nigeria (Abuja, Nigeria)</i> |
| JANUARY 2003 | <i>Parliamentary Meeting on HIV/AIDS, in collaboration with the Policy Project (Bamako, Mali)</i> |
| APRIL 2003 | <i>Renewable Energy Exchange, United Kingdom to Egypt (Cairo, Egypt)</i> |
| APRIL 2003 | <i>Participation in Heinrich Boell's Renewable Energy Forums (Washington, D.C., Central and East Europe)</i> |
| MAY 2003 | <i>ECOWAS Parliamentary Seminar on Human Trafficking (Abuja, Nigeria)</i> |
| JUNE 2003 | <i>Renewable Energy Exchange, Egypt to the United Kingdom (London, United Kingdom)</i> |
| MAY/JUNE 2003 | <i>Mediterranean Regional Seminar on Clean Air/Clean Water (Athens, Greece)</i> |
| AUGUST 2003 | <i>Renewable Energy Exchange, Nigeria to Germany (Berlin, Germany)</i> |
| SEPTEMBER 2003 | <i>Renewable Energy Exchange, India to Canada (Ottawa, Canada)</i> |
| OCTOBER 2003 | <i>Renewable Energy Exchange, U.S. to Parlatino (Sao Paolo, Brazil)</i> |
| OCTOBER 2003 | <i>2nd Regional Seminar on Clean Air/Clean Water, Parlatino (Sao Paolo, Brazil)</i> |
| NOVEMBER 2003 | <i>Renewable Energy Exchange, Parlatino to the U.S. (Washington, D.C.)</i> |
| DECEMBER 2003 | <i>Renewable Energy Exchange, Germany to Nigeria (Lagos, Nigeria)</i> |
| DECEMBER 2003 | <i>Renewable Energy Exchange, Canada to India (New Delhi, India)</i> |

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