



Parliamentarians for Global Action

STRATEGY MEETING “PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT”

United Nations, New York
Conference room 9
22 April 2003, h. 8.45 AM

Agenda

(1) “SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1422 AND ITS IMPACT ON THE ICC, THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW”

- * *The “road map” that led to the adoption of UNSC Res. 1422 (2002)*
- * *Deliberations in the Security Council on the issue of its “renewal” (2003)*
- * *Legal and political implications of Res. 1422*
- * *The positions of States sitting in the Security Council and of certain UNGA States*

(2) BILATERAL NON-SURRENDER AGREEMENTS TO LIMIT THE APPLICATION OF THE ICC STATUTE

- * *Nature of the Bilateral Non-surrender Agreements*
- * *Analysis of their impact on the ICC jurisdictional regime*
- * *The position of certain countries that refused to sign an agreement*
- * *The position of some countries that accepted to sign an agreement¹*

(3) CHALLENGES AHEAD: THE ROLE OF THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR THE ICC [TOWARDS A FEASIBILITY STUDY]

- * *The ICC and its “progressive” impact on international humanitarian law and international criminal law*
- * *The challenge to ensure effective cooperation of states with the ICC*
- * *The role of Parliamentarians in supporting the effective and independent operations of the ICC*
- * *The role of parliamentary assemblies in promoting the respect of human rights – the European case*
- * *The process that led to the creation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*
- * *Proposals on items to be included in the agenda of the II session of the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC (September 2003)*
- * *Strategies to mobilise “constituencies” to protect the integrity of the ICC Statute - see (1)and(2)*

(4) TOWARDS UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION IN THE ICC SYSTEM

- * *Status and current priorities of PGA’s ICC Ratification Campaign*
- * *Relationship between ratification/ accession and implementation of the Rome Statute*
 - *Progress in Mexico [and other Latin American States]*
 - *Progress in Angola and in other African Lusophone countries*
 - *Developments in the Russia and other countries of the CIS*

¹ As of April 2, 2003, official sources indicate that there are 27 bilateral non-surrender agreements that have been signed with the US. None has been ratified. The following countries have signed the agreements: Afghanistan [SP], Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Democratic Rep. of Congo [SP], Djibouti [SP], the Dominican Republic, East Timor [SP], El Salvador, Gambia [SP], Georgia, Honduras, India, Israel, the Marshall Islands [SP], Mauritania, Micronesia, Nauru, Nepal, Palau, Romania [SP], Rwanda, Sierra Leone [SP], Sri Lanka, Tajikistan [SP], Tuvalu, and Uzbekistan. “SP” identifies the States Parties to the ICC Statute.

Schedule of the Meeting

08:45 h. PGA's ICC Campaign 2003-04: Introduction to the First Strategy Meeting

Remarks: **H.E. Amb. Pierre Schori**, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN

H.E. Judge Philippe Kirsch, President of the International Criminal Court

Sen. Raynell Andreychuk, Convenor, PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme; Vice-chair, Foreign Relations Committee, Senate of Canada

H.E. Mr. Adamantios Vassilakis, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations, *on behalf of* the European Union (EU) *[invited]*

Ms. Shazia Z. Rafi, Secretary General, Parliamentarians for Global Action

09:15 h. First session

Chair: **Mr. Tony Worthington, MP**, UK; PGA Executive Committee member

List of speakers: **H.E. Mr. Hans Corell**, Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel of the United Nations

H.E. Amb. Adolfo Aguilar Zinser, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations; President of the Security Council *[invited]*

H.E. Amb. Sergey V. Lavrov, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations *[invited]*

Open Discussion

11:00 h. Coffee Break (Vienna Café)

11:15 h. Second session

Chair: **Sen. Anthony Johnson**, Deputy-Convenor, PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme; Senate of Jamaica

List of speakers: **Prof. M. Cherif Bassiouni**, President, International Association of Penal Law (Paris) and International Institute of Higher Criminal Studies (Siracusa); Professor of Law, DePaul University College of Law (Chicago)

Hon. Judge Evan J. Wallach, United States Court of International Trade; Adjunct Professor in Law of War at Brooklyn Law School, New York Law School

Mr. Valentin Zellweger, Legal Advisor, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations

Mr. Darryl Robinson, Delegation of Canada to the ICC Assembly of States Parties

*Open Discussion***13:00 h.** **Luncheon at the United Nations (Delegates Dining Room 6)**

14:00 h. Luncheon Address of the President of the Assembly of States Parties, **His Royal Highness Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Husseini**, Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations

** Progress in the process of election of the ICC Prosecutor*

14:45 h. *Third session*

Chair: **Dip. Margarita Stolbizer, MP**, President of PGA's International Council; President on the Penal Legislation Committee, Camara de Diputados of Argentina

List of speakers: **Mr. Günter H. Schirmer**, Secretary, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe [*on behalf of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe*]

Mr. Sam Muller, Deputy Head, Division of Common Services, International Criminal Court

H.E. Ambassador Juan Antonio Yanez-Barnuevo, Legal Advisor to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Spain; Head of the Delegation of Spain to the ICC Assembly of States Parties

Mr. Phakiso Mochochoko, Legal Adviser, International Criminal Court; former President of the UN General Assembly VI Committee (legal affairs)

Open Discussion

16.15 h. Coffee Break

16:30 h. *Fourth session [OPEN SESSION]*

Chair: **Dep. Mamadou Lamine Thiam**, MP, Parliament of Senegal

De-briefing: **Dr. David Donat-Cattin**, Senior Programme Officer, International Law and Human Rights Programme, PGA

List of speakers: **Dip. Tarcisio Navarette, MP**, Vice-President of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Lower House, Mexico

H.E. Dr. Paulo Tjipilica, MP, Minister of Justice of Angola; Head of the Angolan Delegation of the Rome Diplomatic Conference on the ICC **[invited]**

Mr. Christopher Hall, Legal Advisor, International Justice Programme, Amnesty International, London

Open Discussion

17:45 h. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Sen. Raynell Andreychuk, Vice-chair, Foreign Relations Committee, Senate of Canada; Convenor, PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme

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