



PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION

**Seminar on Parliamentary Ethics
and Accountability**

**In collaboration with the United States Senate
the Senate of Poland
and Transparency International**

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AGENDA

June 3-4, 2004
United States Senate
Room SD-G11
Washington, D.C.

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Opening Ceremony 9:00 –9:30 a.m.

➤ **Welcoming remarks**

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

➤ **Opening Address**

Senator Tom Harkin (United States), Member, Appropriations Committee; Ranking Member, Senate Agriculture Committee; Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Human Services, and Education

Senator Longin Pastusiak (Poland), President of the Senate

Ms. Nancy Zucker-Boswell, Managing Director, Transparency International USA

Panel I – 9:30– 10:45 a.m.

Values, ethical principles and code of conduct of the parliamentarians –

Abuse of religion, ethnicity and other divisions

Chair: *Sen. Marcelo Lopez Arias* (Argentina) First Vice-President, Senate

Panelists:

Rep. Dennis Kucinich (United States), Committee on Government Reform; Committee on Education and the Workforce

Dr. Mohamed Saleh, MP (Egypt)

Rep. Christopher Shays (United States), Committee on Government Reform; Committee on Financial Services

Mr. Fatmir Mediu, MP (Albania), Member, Foreign Relations Committee

Mr. Ronnie Bar-On, MP (Israel), Chairman, House Committee; Member, Constitution, Law and Justice Committee

Mr. Vinay Bhargava, Director, International Affairs Department, World Bank

Coffee Break 10:45– 11:00 a.m.

**Panel I – Discussion Session
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Luncheon 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Capitol Hill Club
300 First Street, S.E., Third Floor

➤ **Honorary Speaker**

Representative James Leach (United States), Chairman, Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific, International Relations Committee; Member, Financial Services Committee

Panel II – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

National Developments: local and international regulatory bodies and sanctions in different countries

Enforcement mechanisms
Independence of the Judiciary

Chair: *Mr. Tony Worthington*, MP (United Kingdom), Member, Select Committee on International Development

Panelists:

Sen. Cesar Jauregui Robles (Mexico), Vice-President of the Senate

Mr. Ainars Latkovskis, MP (Latvia), Chairman, Committee on Supervising Prevention and Combating of Corruption, Contraband and Organised Crime

Dr. Pál Vastagh, MP (Hungary), President, Constitution and Justice Committee

Mr. Martin J. Fetherston, Assistant Director, Policy Development and Review Department, International Monetary Fund

Mr. Jocelyn Mason, Public Administration Reform Adviser, UNDP

Reception 7:00 p.m.

Embassy of the Republic of Poland
2640 16th Street, NW

- Hosted by *H.E. Mr. Przemyslaw Grudzinski*, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the United States

Friday, June 4, 2004

Panel III – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Campaign Finance Reform

Chair: *Dip. Minou Tavarez Mirabal*, MP (Dominican Republic)

Panelists:

Sen. Basseyy Ewa-Henshaw (Nigeria), Chairman, Senate Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity

Mr. Miroslav Rozic, MP (Croatia), Member, Elections, Appointments and Administration Committee

Mr. Atanas Paparizov, MP (Bulgaria), Vice-Chair, Committee on Economic Policy

Mr. Daniel Khamasi, MP (Kenya)

Panel IV – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Role of the Media

Chair: *Dip. Margarita Stolbizer*, MP (Argentina), President, PGA International Council

Panelists:

Mr. Reha Denemec, MP (Turkey), Deputy Chair, AK Party

Mr. Robert Leventhal, CEE Rule of Law Program Director/Anti-corruption Programs Coordinator, American Bar Association, Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative

Mr. Igor Barinov, MP (Russia), Head, Subcommittee on legislative support of international cooperation of Russian Federation against terrorism and transnational organized crime

Dip. Minou Tavaréz Mirabal, MP (Dominican Republic)

Discussion and adoption of final declaration - 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Chair: *Mr. Ross Robertson*, MP (New Zealand), Assistant Speaker

Closing Remarks 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

➤ *Senator Longin Pastusiak* (Poland), President of the Senate