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Parliamentary Dialogue between Zimbabwean PGA members
and United Kingdom PGA Members**

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Zimbabwe's last presidential and parliamentary election in March 2002 was marred by violence, while the land distribution program has led to shortages in foreign exchange, local currency, fuel and essential commodities. Zimbabwe remains on the verge of a massive economic and political collapse. The Parliament however remains the only institution where the two main political parties can meet to have dialogue.

Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) convened a meeting between members from Zimbabwe and the United Kingdom on September 9, 2004 from 11am - 1pm to discuss steps to resolve the political crisis in Zimbabwe. The meeting, hosted by **Tony Worthington**, (MP) United Kingdom and Member of PGA Executive Board, and moderated by **Mr. Alban Bagbin**, MP (Ghana), Opposition Leader and Member of PGA International Council, brought together four MPs from Zimbabwe, **Mr. Charles Majange** and **Mr. Daniel M. Ncube** from the governing party and **Prof. Welshman Ncube** and **Ms. Priscilla Misihairabwi-Mushonga** from the opposition party, to meet with 10 British members.

The meeting began with welcoming remarks by **Mr. Tony Worthington, MP (United Kingdom)**, and opening remarks by **Mr. Alban Bagbin** (Ghana) Opposition Leader, and by **H.E. Ms. Kristina Svensson**, Ambassador of Sweden to Zimbabwe and former PGA member. This meeting, one in a series of activities on Zimbabwe carried out by PGA, served as a confidence-building measure for future interactions. The parliamentarians continued their frank and forthright discussions in a luncheon in the House of Commons hosted also by **Mr. Tony Worthington**. An informal dinner the night before was also attended by **Mr. Albert Koenders**, MP (The Netherlands).

PGA has been working with Zimbabwean members since 2002, bringing delegations of parliamentarians to its international meetings as well as sending parliamentary missions to Zimbabwe and linking them with international legislators as peer advisors. PGA is a unique network of over 1,350 Members of Parliament from 111 countries around the world, engaged in a range of action-oriented initiatives promoting peace and democracy, sustainable development and international law.

