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Day One – November 17th

Opening Ceremony 9.15—10.30

9:15-10:00

Opening Remarks & Welcome

- M.J. Nolan, TD (Ireland), Chair, PGA National Group, Ireland
- Dr. Rory O’Hanlon, TD (Ireland), Ceann Comhairle (Speaker/President), Parliament of Ireland
- Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP (Ghana), President of PGA

10:00-10:30

Keynote Address

- H.E. Dermot Ahern, TD, (Ireland), Foreign Minister of Ireland

**Panel I – *Migration, Immigration & Integration—General Context*
10.30—11.15**

Chair: Senator Alain Destexhe (Belgium) – Convenor, PGA Intl. Law & Human Rights Programme

Topics:

- Current Trends of International Migration

- Various Perspectives on the Migration Debate from the Point of View of ‘Recipient’ and ‘Donor’ Countries
- Economic, Social and Political Causes of Migration
- Costs and Benefits of Movement of Human Capital

Panelists:

- **Mr. Ibrahim Sorie, MP (Sierra Leone)**
- **Mr. Yoshitake Kimata, MP (Japan)**
- **Dep. Mamadou Lamine Thiam (Senegal)**

**Coffee Break
11.15-11.30**

**Panel II – *Economic & Labour Issues in Migration – Balancing sensitivity with practicality*
11.30—12.30**

Chair: Sen. Bassey Ewa-Henshaw (Nigeria)

Topics:

- International Agreements and Co-operation Efforts & Their Implementation
- Regional Perspectives and Experiences of Cooperation on Migration Policies
- Migrants as labourers and wage-earners
- Issues of Remittances & Outsourcing
- Country Case Studies of Implemented Legislation

Panelists:

- **Dep. Orlando Fantazinni (Brazil)**, President, Committee on Ethics and Accountability
- **Mr. Reha Denemec, MP (Turkey)**, Deputy Leader, AK Party
- **Sen. César Jáuregui Robles (México)**, Vice-President of the Senate
- **Dr. Martin Ruhs, University of Oxford (United Kingdom)**

**Discussion Session
12.30—13.30**

Luncheon 13.30-14.30

**Panel III – *Forced Migration and Human Trafficking –
A continuing reality requiring continued attention*
14.30-15.30**

Chair: Ms. Margarita Stolbizer, MP
(Argentina)

Topics:

- Political Migrants: Refugees, Asylum Seekers
- Human Rights and Forced Migration

- International, Regional and National Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking, Smuggling in Persons
- Protection of the Rights of Refugees and Victims of Trafficking Crime
- Panelists:
 - **Ms. Mayumi Moriyama, MP** (Japan), Former Minister of Justice of Japan
 - **Ms. Loretta Rosales, MP** (The Philippines)
 - **Mr. Ibrahim Sorie, MP** (Sierra Leone)
 - **Dr. Alusine Fofanah, MP** (Sierra Leone)

Discussion and Close of Session
15.45—16.45

Defender of Democracy Award Dinner
(for confirmed participants only)

19.00-22.00

Day Two – November 18

Panel IV – *Migrant Integration – The Cultural Dimension*
9.00—10.00

Chair: **Ms. Lali Papiashvili, MP** (Georgia), President, Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Topics:

- Social Integration of Migrants
- Naturalization Issues
- Protection of Migrants
- Fighting Xenophobia and Stigma

Panelists:

- **Mr. Paul de Guchteneire**, Chief of Section, International Migrations and Multicultural Policies Section, Division of Social Sciences, Research and Policy, United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- **Ms. Eliana García, MP** (Mexico)
- **Ambassador Frédéric Grasset**, Ambassador of France to Ireland
- **Mr. Miguel Portas**, MEP (Portugal)
- **Deputy Minou Távarez Mirabal** (Dominican Republic)
- **Prof. Piaras Mac Éinrí**, Director, Irish Centre for Migration Studies, University College, Cork

Discussion Session
10.00—10.45

Coffee Break 10.45—11.00

Panel V – *Migration and immigration in a post 9/11 world*
11.00—12.15

Chair: Mr. Jeppe Kofod, MP (Denmark)

Topics:

- Impact of Counter-terrorism on international migratory patterns
- The struggle against terrorism and appropriate enforcement of national immigration laws – meeting the challenge

Panelists:

- **Mr. Naveed Qamar, MP** (Pakistan)
- **Mr. Danny Toma, Consular Chief** (US Embassy, Dublin)
- **Dr. Ra'Ed Qaqish, MP** (Jordan)
- **Mr. Mikhail Grishankov, MP** (Russia), President, Anti-Corruption Committee, Russian State Duma
- **Ms. Eleanor Acer**, Director, Asylum Programme, Human Rights First
- **Mr. Mohamed Oudor, MP** (Morocco)

Discussion Session 12.15—13.15

Luncheon 13.30—14.30

Panel VI – *Health & Gender in International Migration*
14.30—15.30

Chair: Dr. Noor Jehan Panezai, MP (Pakistan)

Topics:

- Impact of Migration on Vulnerable Populations of Women and Children
- Linkage of Migration and Health Policies
- Migration and HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases

Panelists:

- **Mr. Conor Lenihan, TD** (Ireland) Minister of State with the Department of Foreign Affairs with Special Responsibility for Overseas Aid and Human Rights
- **Mr. Zahir Uddin Swapon, MP** (Bangladesh); Executive Secretary, BPMSG
- **Mr. Khalifa Sall, MP** (Senegal)
- **Mr. Joseph N. Kaindoh, MP** (Sierra Leone)
- **Ms. I. Kamara, MP** (Sierra Leone)

Discussion Session 15.30—16.15

Coffee Break 16.15—16.30

Panel VII – Declaration Drafting Session 16.30—17.30

Closing Remarks 17.30—18.00

- **Mr. M. J. Nolan**, TD (Ireland)
- **Hon. Ross Robertson**, MP (New Zealand), Assistant Speaker of Parliament of New Zealand