



## Parliamentarians for Global Action

### STRATEGY MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUPS OF THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR THE ICC AND THE RULE OF LAW

*Roundtable Discussion with Legislators, Experts and Representatives of International Organisations and States*

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*Venue*

UNFPA, 220 East 42 Street, New York  
19<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sadik Conference Room

**30 JUNE, 2006 (FRIDAY) – 14:45-18:30 PM**

#### AGENDA

14:45-15:00 *Introductory Remarks*

**Sen. Raynell Andreychuk**, Canada, Convenor, PGA Int. Law & Human Rights Programme

**Mr. Esa Paasivirta**, Legal Advisor, European Commission Delegation to the UN

15:00-15:15 **BRIEFING OF THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR OF THE ICC**

- a. *Cooperation of States and International Organisations on the Northern Uganda situation, with particular reference to the first 5 arrest warrants issued by the Court*
- b. *Cooperation of States and International Organisations on the D.R.C. situation*
- c. *The 14 June 2006 Report of the Prosecutor to the UN Security Council on the Darfur Investigation*

**Ms. Miriam Spittler**, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

15:15-15:30 *Debate*

#### **(1) JUSTICE AND PEACE IN DARFUR**

- a. INTERVENTION OF THE ICC, POSITIONS OF STATES AND ROLE OF THE UN
- b. POSITION OF SUDAN
- c. ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

15:30-16:00 *International, Regional and National Efforts to Fight Impunity and Halt the Violence in Darfur*

**Mr. Richard Dicker**, Director, International Justice Programme, Human Rights Watch

16:00-16:30 *Debate*

Co-Chairs: **Ms. Farah Karimi, MP**, The Netherlands; Deputy-Convenor, PGA Int. Law & Human Rights Program

**Mr. Mohamed Oudor, MP**, Morocco; Vice-President, Committee on Budget and Finance; Member, PGA International Council

16:30-16:45 *Break*

## (2) EXECUTING ARREST WARRANTS AND EFFECTING COOPERATION WITH THE ICC

- a. THE 5 ARREST WARRANTS AGAINST THE LEADERS OF THE LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY (LRA) OF NORTHERN UGANDA
- b. CAN THE UN (MONUC) EXECUTE THE ARREST WARRANTS?
- c. HAVE STATES ENACTED NATIONAL IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATIONS OF THE ROME STATUTE ENABLING EFFECTIVE COOPERATION WITH THE ICC?

16:45-17:30 **H.E. Ambassador Francis Butagira**, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the UN

**Dr. Ulrich Kersten**, Special Representative of INTERPOL to the UN

**Mr. Andrei Shkourko**, Senior Political Affairs Officer, DPKO, Africa Division, UN

**Mr. Toby Harward**, Political Affairs Officer, DPKO, Africa Division, UN

**Mr. Sabelo Sivuyile Maqungo**, Deputy Permanent Representative of South Africa to the UN; Coordinator, Africa Group of States, ICC Assembly of States Parties

*Debate*

Chair: **Sen. Tadashi Inuzuka**, Japan; Member, PGA Executive Committee

## (3) MAXIMISING THE IMPACT OF THE ICC & PROMOTING THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE ICC SYSTEM

- a. IMPACT OF THE ICC IN EASTERN DRC AND NORTHERN UGANDA (CASES REFERRED TO THE ICC BY THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS)
- b. IMPACT OF THE ICC IN COTE D'IVOIRE, COLOMBIA AND OTHER SITUATIONS UNDER REVIEW
- c. OBSTACLES TO THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE ROME STATUTE, IN PARTICULAR IN
  - *ASIA*
  - *THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE (SOUTH) MEDITERRANEAN (MEMED)*
  - *THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES (CIS)*

17:30-17:45 Presentation of Issues by PGA Staff

17:45-18:30 *Debate and Conclusions*

Chair: **Sen. Raynell Andreychuk**, Canada, Convenor, PGA Int. Law & Human Rights Programme

Conclusions: **Sen. Alain Destexhe**, Belgium, President of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

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The ICC is encountering several problems in bringing to justice the persons bearing the greatest responsibility for the most serious crimes of international concern.

Concerning Darfur, the Report that the ICC Prosecutor presented to the UN Security Council on 14 June 2006 demanded immediate and determined action to fight impunity and halt the violence in this region of Sudan. However, the ICC does not have any law enforcement agency at its disposal, as it relies on the police and other forces of States. Against this background, who will arrest Sudan's top officers should they be charged by the ICC with crimes against humanity, genocide or war crimes?

In and around Northern Uganda, the five leaders of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) who have been accused of crimes against humanity by the ICC have fled to the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and have been reported to have visited Southern Sudan, but they have not been arrested yet. Officials of MONUC (the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Congo) have had contacts with the LRA contingent, but no action was taken concerning arrests. Thus, who will intervene to arrest the LRA leaders and surrender them to the Court, as set out in the ICC Arrest Warrants?

This Strategy Meeting will analyse the role of States, the UN and other actors (e.g. Interpol) in implementing the ICC mandate to fight impunity, and identify gaps and loopholes in the existing international justice system. Parliamentarians will discuss the role that legislators can play in bringing about compliance by States, international organisations and non-state actors with the orders and decisions of the Court, as well as the impact that the ICC is having on peace-processes and crises-situations in which it is important to maximise the preventive effect of ICC interventions.

Ultimately, the goal of this event will be to re-focus the action of the 3 Working Groups of the *Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC and the Rule of Law*, the main project of the PGA ICC Campaign, which so far has contributed to the ratification of the Rome Statute by 57 out of the 100 States Parties to the ICC system.

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