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Government of Japan and Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) Announce *Parliamentary Forum on Human Security and the International Criminal Court*, Tokyo, December 4, 5, 2006

- WHO:** H.E. Ambassador Kenzo Oshima, Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN, and Ms. Shazia Z. Rafi, Secretary General of PGA, will brief journalists on the upcoming session of the PGA Annual Parliamentary Forum. Almost **200 legislators** from Asia, Africa, the Americas and Europe, including **Afghanistan** and **Iraq** discuss the challenges of human security and international justice.
- WHEN:** November 28, 2006, time?
- WHERE:** Press briefing room, 2nd Floor, UN Secretariat
Forum venue: Parliamentary Museum, National Diet of Japan, Tokyo, on 4 and 5 December 2006.
- WHAT:** PGA, a non-profit, non-partisan international network of over 1300 legislators in more than 100 elected parliaments around the globe, aims to promote peace, democracy, the rule of law, human rights, sustainable development and population issues by informing, convening and mobilizing parliamentarians to realize these goals.
- WHY:** This year’s theme of “Human Security” reflects PGA’s continuing commitment to the concept of Responsibility to Protect. Japan has long advanced its diplomacy from the perspective of ‘human security’. Human Security is a central goal of post-conflict recovery and reconstruction, with particular relevance to this year’s Forum with high level delegations from Afghanistan, Iraq and legislatures from Africa, Central Asia and the Middle East.

Launched in Ottawa in November 2002, the “Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC and the Rule of Law” is the only global gathering of legislators focused on the International Criminal Court (ICC). Its main goals are to generate support for, and develop new means of legislative and state cooperation with the ICC, as well as to enlarge the membership of the Rome Statute. Thus, key parliamentarians from Non-States Parties to the Rome Statute (including Japan, Turkey, Ukraine, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Morocco, Nepal and Chile) have been invited to interact with their peers from States Parties.

Since 1989, PGA coordinated a world-wide programme for the creation of a fair, independent and effective ICC. PGA members took the lead in the national ratification or accession process in 59 countries out of the 104 ICC Member States.