



Parliamentarians for Global Action

Statement of Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Canada), leader of the PGA ICC Campaign and Chair of the Human Rights Committee, Senate of Canada, on Darfur, the Government of Sudan and the ICC.

New York/Ottawa, 26 March 2007: Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Canada), convenor of the International Law and Human Rights Programme, wishes to express regret on behalf of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), on learning of the decision of the Government of Sudan to renounce its cooperation with the ICC.

PGA remains firmly of the view that the ICC offers the only viable and objective solution to the ongoing situation of impunity prevailing in connection with the atrocities committed in Darfur over the past 3 years.

PGA therefore calls upon the Government of Sudan to reconsider this decision and expresses the sincere hope that the Government of Sudan will resume its cooperation with the ICC without undue delay.

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About PGA

Parliamentarians for Global Action is a network of more than 1300 parliamentarians from 114 countries worldwide that in the past ten years has promoted a permanent, effective and universal ICC. PGA members have lead, launched and/or authored ratification and implementation initiatives of the Rome Statute in 59 out of the 104 State Parties of the ICC, including some of the latest States that joined the ICC - Kenya, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico in 2005, and The Comoros in 2006. PGA held its "IV Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC and the Rule of Law" in Tokyo, Japan from 4-5 December 2006; on that occasion, the Government of Japan announced to the 165 Legislators of all regions of the world attending the Consultative Assembly its decision to accede to the ICC Statute by 2007 (<http://www.pgaction.org/about.asp?id=231>).

PGA is a member of the Steering Committee of the Coalition for the ICC. PGA receives the support of the European Commission (EU), and from the Governments of Belgium, The Netherlands, and Switzerland, as well as core support from Denmark and Sweden.
