



Parliamentarians for Global Action

Meeting of the Working Group on the Universality of the ICC in the Middle East and the Mediterranean (MEMED)

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Parliament of the Netherlands, The Hague
June 11-12, 2007

PROGRAMME

Sunday, June 10

Arrival of Participants

18.00-19.00 **Welcome to the Participants in Working Group Session**
At the Movenpick Hotel, Voorburg

Informal presentations by and discussion with:

Sen. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada), Convenor of the PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme; Chair, Human Rights Committee, Senate of Canada

19.00 **Dinner – Free**

Monday June 11

9.00-12.10 **The International Criminal Court**

Briefing of the President: *Judicial Activities of the ICC and Relations with States*
H.E. Judge Philippe Kirsch, President of the ICC

Briefing with the office of the Prosecutor: *Challenges for the ICC to secure State cooperation*
Ms. Béatrice Le Fraper Du Hellen, Director of the Division of Jurisdiction, Complementarity and Cooperation, Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC

Briefing with the office of the Registrar: *ICC field operations and other issues, including the protection of victims and witnesses*

Mr. Phakiso Mochochoko, Head of the Legal Advisory Section, Registry of the ICC

Visit of the Courtroom

12:45 **Lunch at the Restaurant of the Tweede Kamer (Dutch Parliament)**

- 14.00-18.00 Working Group Meeting**
At the Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal (Dutch Parliament), The Hague
- 14.00-14.45 “The Importance of the ICC in the Middle East and the Mediterranean region”
Presentation by H.E. Amb. Dr. Edmond Wellenstein, Head of the ICC Task Force and Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
Co-chairing: Judge Mr. Gerritjan van Oven (The Netherlands), Court of Justice, The Hague; Former PGA Member
- Open discussion with participants*
- Conclusion*
- 19.00 **Dinner – Free**

Tuesday June 12

- 9.30-12.30 Working Group Meeting**
At the Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal
- 9.30-10.20 “PGA’s Action Plan for the MEMED Region: Overcoming technical obstacles”
Chairing: Mr. Salah Ali Abdulrahman, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Bahrain
- 10.20-10.30 Coffee Break
- 10.30-11.30 “The Role of Arab Countries in International Justice”
Informal Discussion with: Ms. Suzan Khan, Office of the Prosecutor, ICC
- 11.30-12.30 “PGA’s Action Plan for the MEMED Region: Conclusions”
Presentations by Participants
- 13.00-14.30 **Lunch**
At the Kurzal, Kurkhaus Hotel, Scheveningen
- 14.30 Departure to the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- 15.00-16.30 **Hearing of the Haradinaj et al. case at the ICTY**
Presentation of the Public Information Department, ICTY
Mr. Christian Chartier, Head of Public Information
Mr. Ogbazghi Debus, Information Assistant, Office of the Prosecutor
- 16.45 Departure to the Parliament of the Netherlands, Tweede Kamer
- 17.30-18.30 **Hearing of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs,**

Parliament of the Netherlands

Chairing: Mr. Henk Jan Ormel, chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, (The Netherlands)

Co-chairing: Mr. Coskun Çörüz, MP, spokesperson on the ICC and Human Rights, (The Netherlands)

Mr. Salah Ali Abdulrahman, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Bahrain

18.30 **Wrap-Up and Closing**

19.00 **Dinner – Free**

Wednesday, June 13

Departure of Participants