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Dear Dr. Leonard,

I have the pleasure of transmitting to your kind attention a letter of invitation from Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) for the 29th Annual Parliamentary Forum of PGA, which will be held in Abuja, Nigeria on 12 and 13 November 2007, together with the registration form. This event is the most important annual meeting of our network of 1300 lawmakers from 115 Parliaments worldwide.

We have the budget for travel and accommodations for two members from the Congressional Black Caucus. Could you please let us know who is interested?

Thank you,

Mr. Brian Kett

Executive Officer

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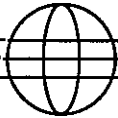
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**29TH ANNUAL PARLIAMENTARY FORUM
ECOWAS Secretariat Main Hall - Abuja, Nigeria**

NOVEMBER 12TH-13TH, 2007

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29th Annual Parliamentary Forum on *Poverty & Unemployment*: Nov. 12-13, 2007, Abuja, Nigeria

☐ **YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND**

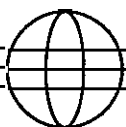
☐ **NO, I REGRET I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND**

*Defender of Democracy Award Dinner, Nov. 12, 2007

☐ **YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND**

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*Dietary Restrictions: ☐ No pork ☐ Vegetarian ☐ No fish ☐ Other: _____



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Representative Al Green

Member, Congressional Black Caucus
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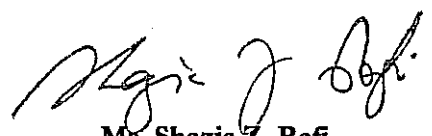
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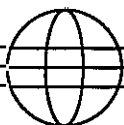
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Representative Albert R. Wynn

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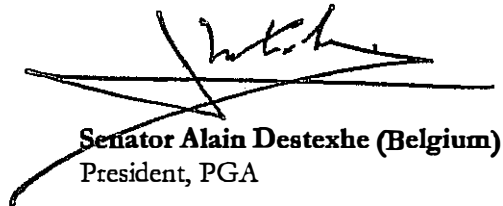
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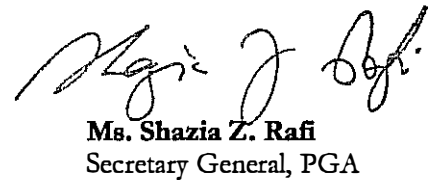
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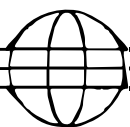
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Representative Alcee L. Hastings

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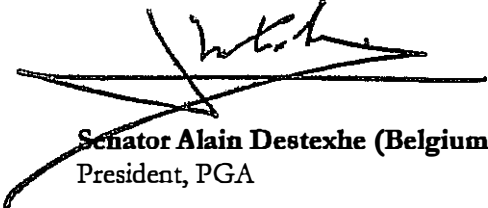
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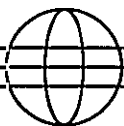
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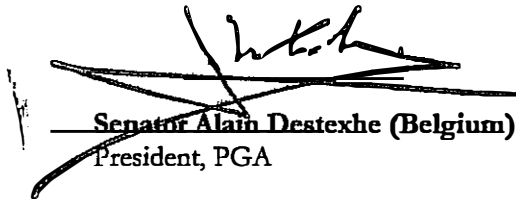
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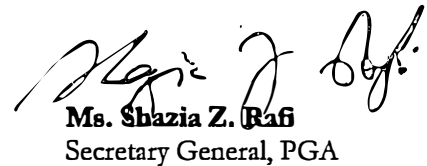
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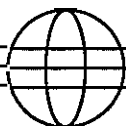
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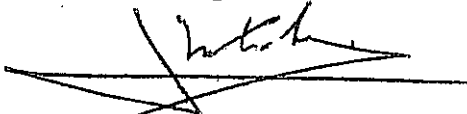
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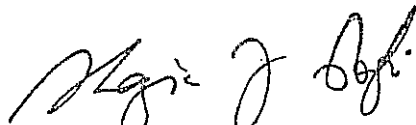
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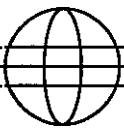
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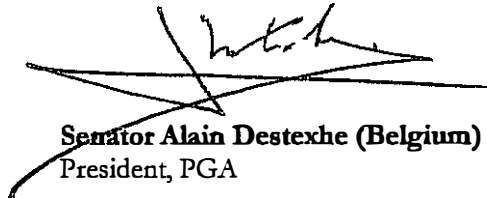
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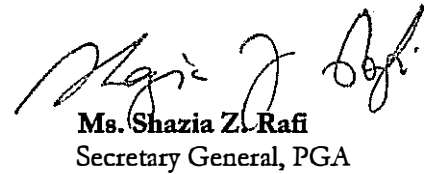
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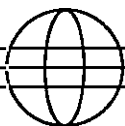
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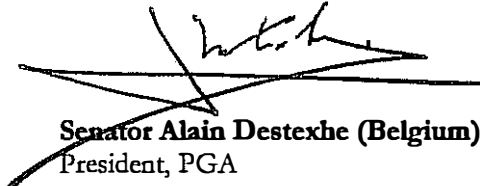
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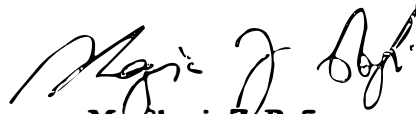
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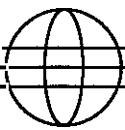
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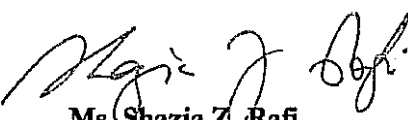
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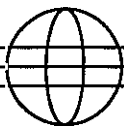
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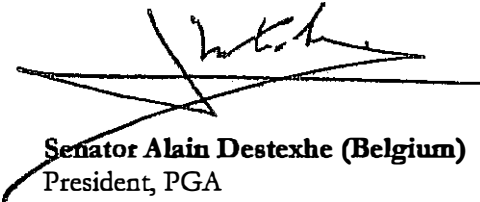
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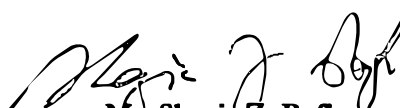
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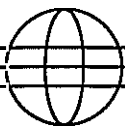
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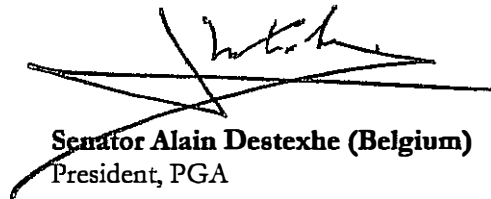
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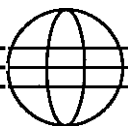
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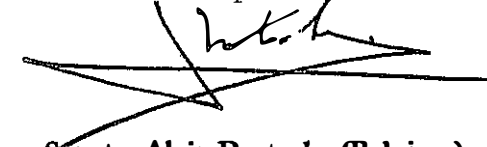
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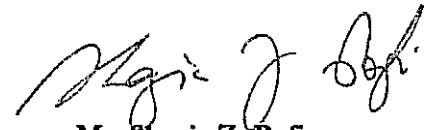
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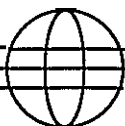
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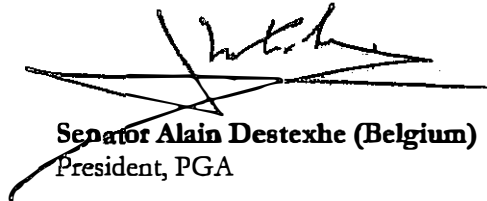
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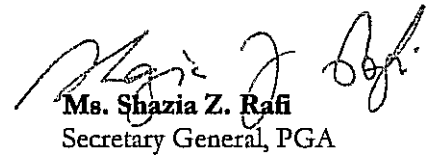
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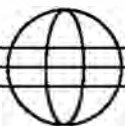
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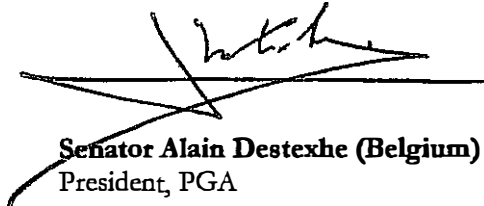
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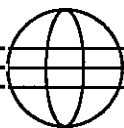
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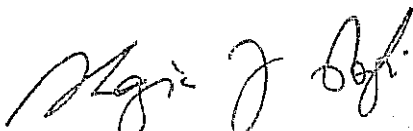
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