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PGA Statement on the Assassination of Benazir Bhutto in Pakistan

New York, December 28, 2007—Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) condemns and deplors the assassination of former PGA Member Ms. Benazir Bhutto in Rawalpindi on December 27, 2007.

Pakistan has lost a true patriot and a vacuum in political leadership has been created that will not easily be replenished. Ms. Bhutto stood out as an unwavering voice of courage and reason, while in and out of office.

In its sixty years of independence, Pakistan's politics has been a revolving door of military rule and weak civilian governments, tragically precluding a permanently stable democratic system. In the wake of this despicable act, PGA hopes that Pakistan's people and its supporters around the world will be able to work together to build an effective and representative system of government.

PGA calls upon the Government of Pakistan to make every effort to bring the perpetrators of this murder to swift justice, including a thorough and open investigation.

PGA also renews its call of November 13, 2007 to the Government of Pakistan to restore the Constitution including the independent judiciary, the freedom of expression and to ensure that full security is available to all who seek office.

As a former member of our global network, PGA extends its deepest condolences to Ms. Benazir Bhutto's family, relatives and many friends around the world.

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