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PGA STATEMENT ON RECENT ELECTIONS IN PAKISTAN

New York, February 20, 2008 - PGA welcomes the recent successful holding of Parliamentary elections in Pakistan under difficult circumstances.

While the elections were not perfect, the outcome of the elections represents, above all else, a victory for democratic forces everywhere.

PGA is particularly encouraged by the commitment displayed by all political parties - and especially the people of Pakistan - to the democratic process itself.

PGA urges that this democratic spirit continue to be demonstrated by all stakeholders in the weeks and months ahead and also calls on all political parties in Pakistan to continue and maintain this vital spirit of cooperation.