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**Parliamentary Regional Seminar:
International Justice & Security: the Role of the International
Criminal Court (ICC)**

Ballroom of Hotel Torarica, Paramaribo, Suriname

6 & 7 June 2008

AGENDA

Friday, June 6 2008

Morning

Arrival of Participants

16.00-18.00

Opening Session in the presence of **His Excellency, drs. Runaldo Ronald Venetiaan**,
President of the Republic of Suriname

16.00

Hon. Mr. S. Paul Somohardjo, MP, Speaker of The National Assembly of The republic of Suriname

Amb. Albert R. Ramdin, Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of American States

H.E. Ms. M.W.J.A. Tanya van Gool, Ambassador of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to Suriname

Mr. Anthony La Ronde, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Acting Director, Legislative Draft Directorate

Ms. Ruth J. Wijdenbosch, LLM MP (Suriname), Member of the PGA Executive Committee; Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee, Parliament of Suriname

Sen. Basse Ewa-Henshaw (Nigeria), President of Parliamentarians for Global Action

Sen. María Cristina Perceval (Argentina), Convenor of the PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme; Chair, Defence Committee, Senate of Argentina

17.30

The Establishment of a Permanent International Criminal Court: Scope and Role of the ICC

Keynote Speech, **H.E. Judge René Blattmann**, Vice-President of the International Criminal Court

Questions of the Public to Judge Blattmann

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19.00-21.00 Welcome Reception offered by The National Assembly of Suriname

Saturday June 7 2008

9.00-11.00 **Panel I: Universality and Effectiveness of the ICC: The Role of Parliamentarians**

Chair: **Hon. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand)**, Chair of PGA International Council, Labour Party, Assistant Speaker of the Parliament of New Zealand

The Impact of the ICC in on the Rule of Law: The Justice and Human Rights Perspective
Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, Minister of Justice & Police of Suriname

Challenges to the Ratification of the Rome Statute in Caribbean Countries
Sen. Saboto Caesar (St. Vincent & Grenadines), Parliamentary Secretary/Attorney at Law

Challenges to the Ratification of the Rome Statute in Central America
Dip. Alba Palacios (Nicaragua) Secretary of the Board of the National Assembly, Foreign Affairs Committee

The System of the Rome Statute: Suriname's potential contribution as State Party 107
Ms. Ruth Wijdenbosch LLM, MP (Suriname), President of the Foreign Affairs and the Defense Committees, The National Assembly of the Republic Suriname

Open Debate with interventions of Parliamentarians and Participants

11.00-11.15 Coffee Break

11.15-13.00 **Panel II: The Principle of Complementarity and its contributions to the national order**

Chair: **Sen. Wade Mark (Trinidad and Tobago)**

Common Values, Multiple Legal Traditions and the Effectiveness of International and Regional Jurisdictions
Hon. Justice Duke Pollard, Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice

The Principle of Complementarity of the Rome Statute: The Surinamese Perspective
Mrs. Margo Waterval, LLM, Anton de Kom University of Suriname

Implementation of crimes of the Rome Statute: The Reform of the Dominican Republic Criminal Code
Dip. José Ricardo Taveras (Dominican Republic) Special Bi-Cameral Committee for the New Penal Code

Implementation of crimes of the Rome Statute: The Criminal Code of Nicaragua
Dip. José Bernard Pallais Arana (Nicaragua), Chair, Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee

Open Debate with interventions of Parliamentarians and Participants

13:00 **Lunch** with **Mr. Ivan Fernald**, Minister of Foreign Affairs a.i.

- 14:45-16.00- **Panel III: Challenges to cooperation with the ICC and the future of international criminal justice**
Chair: Dip. Antonio Carlos Pannunzio (Brazil), Foreign Affairs and National Defense Committee, Rapporteur of Brazil's ICC Ratification Act 2001
- Legal basis for Cooperation with the International Criminal Court: The Experience of The Netherlands*
Mr. Thomas Henquet, Legal Counsel, International Law, Legal Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands
- Argentina's Cooperation with the ICC: Priorities on International and National Security*
Sen. María Cristina Perceval (Argentina), Convenor of the PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme; Chair, Defence Committee, Senate of Argentina
- The Role of Latin American and Caribbean States in Securing Cooperation for the ICC*
Dip. Francisco Molina Gamboa (Costa Rica), Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Cooperation Regime of the ICC and Current Challenges faced by the Court and the International Community*
Dr. David Donat Cattin, Director, International Law & Human Rights Programme, Parliamentarians for Global Action
- Open Debate with interventions of Parliamentarians and Participants
- 16.00-16.15 Coffee Break
- 16.15-18.00 **Discussion, consideration and - as appropriate - adoption of the Paramaribo Plan of Action for International Justice, Security and Human Rights**
- Chair: Ms. Ruth J. Wijdenbosch, LL.M. MP (Suriname)*, Member of the PGA Executive Committee; Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee, Parliament of Suriname
- Rapporteur: Ms. Deborah Ruiz-Verduzco*, Programme Officer for International Law and Human Rights, PGA
- 19.00 Informal Dinner for participating parliamentarians and speakers *offered by PGA*

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