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9:30 – 10:45am **Opening Session**

Remarks: **Sen. Cristina Lizardo** (Dominican Republic), Chair, PGA National Group in the Dom. Rep.
Hon. Radhamés Jiménez Peña, Attorney-General of the Dominican Republic
H.E. Mr. Roland Dubertrand, Ambassador of France to the Dominican Republic *on behalf of* the European Union (EU – French Presidency)

Sen. Bassey Ewa-Henshaw (Nigeria), President of PGA

Recognitions: **Mr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo**, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC)
H.E. Amb. Albert R. Ramdín, Adjunct Secretary-General, Organization of American States; Chair, OAS Task Force for Haiti

Sen. María Cristina Perceval (Argentina), Chair, National Defense Committee; PGA Executive Committee Member and Convenor, PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme

Conclusions: **H.E. Sen. Reinaldo Pared Pérez** (Dominican Republic), President of the Senate

10:45 – 11:00 am *Coffee Break*

11:00am – 13:00 pm

1. Mainstreaming the Rule of Law, Justice and the Fight against Impunity in International Relations and Cooperation: the Role of Parliamentarians

- A. *From Post-conflict Peacebuilding to Rights-based State-Building: the Rule of Law and justice mechanisms in crisis, conflict and post-conflict situations*
- B. *International Cooperation in support of State-building: review of current and past practices -- The case of Haiti: An assessment of the effectiveness of international intervention in preventing massive migration flows*
- C. *Implementing UN Security Resolution 1325 of 31 October 2000 on women in peace and security*
- D. *Accountability: Shifting from sanctions against States to individual responsibility*
- E. *Enhancing international cooperation among intelligence and security services, law enforcement agencies and other national and international bodies to increase the effectiveness of the fight against international and transnational crimes*

Panel: **H.E. Amb. Albert R. Ramdín**, Adjunct Secretary-General, Organization of American States; Chair, OAS Task Force for Haiti

H.E. Sen. Kelly Bastien (Haiti), President of the Senate

Mr. Yasar Yakis, MP (Turkey), Chair, European Union Integration Committee, Grand Assembly of Turkey; Co-chair, EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

Ms. Eti Livni (Israel), Member, International Women's Commission for a Just and Sustainable Palestinian-Israeli Peace; Former Deputy-Speaker of Parliament (Knesset)

Mr. Osvaldo De Castro, MP (Portugal), Chair, Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Rights, Freedoms and Guarantees, Parliament of Portugal

Sen. David Coltart (Zimbabwe), Legal Secretary, Movement for Democratic Change (MDC)

Dr. Miguel Pichardo, Under-Secretary for Legal Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Dominican Republic

Chair: **Dip. Minou Tavares Mirabal** (Dominican Rep.), Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee; Member, PGA International Council

Plenary discussion

1:15pm – 2:30pm *Lunch*

2:45pm – 5:45pm

2. Investigations and Prosecutions of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

- A. *Investigations and prosecutions of war crimes, crimes against humanity and/or genocide in the Central African Republic, the Democratic Rep. of the Congo, Darfur/Sudan and Northern Uganda*
- B. *Preliminary examinations of the situations in Afghanistan, Chad, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Georgia, Kenya and other situations under the jurisdiction of the Court*
- C. *The role of Parliamentarians in promoting the effectiveness of the Rome Statute system: cooperation of States in the arrest and surrender of suspects and other forms of cooperation with the Court – political support for the new system – maximizing the impact of ICC jurisdiction and intervention to deter new crimes*

Presenter: **Mr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo**, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

Chair: **Dip. Gabriel Ascencio** (Chile), Former Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies; Chair, Sub-Committee on Penitentiary Issues and Justice, Human Rights Committee, Latin American Parliament (Parlatino)

Questions and Answers

8:30pm – 11:00pm ***Defender of Democracy Award Dinner (Gala Dinner)***, Hotel *El Embajador*

October 31, 2008

9:15 pm – 10:45 pm

3. Promoting the Universality and Effectiveness of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

- A. *The results of the parliamentary campaign for ICC ratification or accession in Bahrain, Chile, Indonesia, Nicaragua, Suriname and others: reports presented by PGA Members*
- B. *The role of Parliamentarians and other stakeholders (e.g. ASEAN, AU, CARICOM, ECOWAS, EU, OAS)*
- C. *The revised Cotonou Agreement between the Africa-Caribbean-Pacific and the European Union (ACP-EU): a critical assessment on mainstreaming the ICC in Development Cooperation*

Panel: **Mr. Salah Ali Abdularahman, MP** (Bahrain), 2nd Vice-Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
Mr. Khalil Al-Marzooq, MP (Bahrain), Chair, Legal Affairs Committee
Sen. Carlos Cantero (Chile), Human Rights Committee
Mr. Djoko Susilo, MP (Indonesia), Foreign Affairs Committee
Dip. José Bernard Pallais Arana (Nicaragua), Chair, Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee
Mr. Khimlal Devkota, MP (Nepal), Member, Interim Constitution Drafting Committee, Constituent Assembly of Nepal; lawyer

Chair: **Dr. Ruth Wijdenbosch, MP** (Suriname), Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee; Member, PGA Executive Committee

Plenary discussion

10:45 – 11:00 am *Coffee Break*

11:00am – 11:10am *Remarks on behalf of the Organizing Committee*

Dip. José-Ricardo Taveras (Dominican Rep.), Chair, Special Committee for the Reform of the Penal Code

11:10am – 13:15pm

4. Parliamentary contributions to the Implementation of the Rome Statute into National Laws

- A. *Reforming Penal Codes and other legislation, including the definitions of rape and other gender-violence crimes*
- B. *Ensuring the highest protection for victims and witnesses, including victims of gender-based crimes and sexual violence*
- C. *Reforming laws on cooperation*
- D. *Financing the new system of international criminal justice and the fight against impunity at national level*
- E. *Adopting measures to secure cooperation of States and International Organisations with the ICC*

Panel: **Mr. Musa Sirma, MP** (Kenya), Committee on Administration, National Security and Local Authority
Dr. Ghassan Moukheiber, MP (Lebanon), General Rapporteur, Human Rights Committee
Ms. Angèle Tabu Makusi, MP (DR Congo) and **Mr. Emmanuel Adubango Ali, MP** (DR Congo), Member, PGA International Council
Mr. Coskun Çörüz, MP (The Netherlands), Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Justice Committees
Hon. Sung Young Joo, MP (Republic of Korea), Legislation and Justice Committee
Dip. Alba Palacios (Nicaragua), Secretary, Board of the National Assembly, Foreign Affairs Committee
Mr. Assoumani Youssouf Mondoha, MP (Comoros), Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee

Chair: **Mr. Cesar Jauregui Robles** (Mexico), former Deputy-Speaker of the Senate; coordinator, Mexican States' Congresses Representatives, PAN

Plenary discussion

13:15–14:45pm *Lunch*

14:45–15:45 pm

5. The Deterrent Effect of the ICC and its Impact on Peace, Stability and Democracy

- A. *“Justice delayed is justice denied”: ensuring that accountability is part of peace negotiations*
- B. *Potential Deterrent Impact of the ICC in Afghanistan, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, Kenya and Uganda*

Panel: **Mr. Jean-Serge Bokassa, MP** (Central African Republic), Foreign Affairs Committee
Sen. Jairo Clopatofsky (Colombia), Vice-Chair, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee
Mr. Nicolas Burniat, Crimes against Humanity Program, Human Rights First (New York)

Chair: **Hon. Fatima Nagdee-Hajaig, MP** (South Africa), Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee; Member, PGA International Council

Plenary discussion

14:45 –16:45pm

6. The Future of International Criminal Justice

- A. *The Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the ICC: defining the crime of aggression in the Rome Statute and the debate on drug trafficking*
- B. *The evolving US position on the ICC and the impact of parliamentary initiatives to protect the integrity of the Rome Statute (in the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa and elsewhere)*

Panel: **H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN,

President-elect of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC

Mr. William Pace, Convenor, NGO Coalition for the ICC

Dr. Servio Tulio Castaños (Dominican Rep.), *Fundación Institucionalidad y Justicia* (FINJUS)

Chair: **Sen. Alain Destexhe** (Belgium), Member of PGA Executive Committee

Plenary discussion

16:45–17:00 pm *Coffee Break*

17:00–18:15 pm

Drafting, Discussion and Adoption of the “Santo Domingo Resolution” [Outcome Document]

Chair: **Sen. Maria Cristina Perceval** (Argentina), Chair, Defense and National Security Committee; Member, PGA Executive Committee

Rapporteurs: PGA International Law and Human Rights Programme Team

Plenary discussion

18:15–19:30 pm

Closing Session: *Strengthening Democratic Institutions, Accountability and the Rule of Law through the universality and effectiveness of the Rome Statute of the ICC*

Remarks: **Hon Dip. Julio César Valentín**, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Dominican Republic

20:00 – 23:30

Dominican Traditional Dinner and Celebration, *hosted by the Speaker of the Senate of the Dominican Republic*, Museo de las Casas Reales, Historic Center of Santo Domingo

For further information on the Programme of the PGA's 30th Annual Forum and the 5th session of the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC and the Rule of Law, please contact:

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