



**REPORT FROM MINOU TAVAREZ MIRABAL, MP, PGA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, ON EMERGENCY MISSION TO HAITI UNDERTAKEN BY PGA DELEGATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO GLOBAL PGA MEMBERSHIP FROM MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN HAITI**



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In order to provide support to colleagues in Haiti, and in seeking to manage international aid and to help in rebuilding and restoring the functions of the Haitian Congress, where several PGA members were killed during the earthquake that devastated that country, a delegation of parliamentarians from the Dominican Group of PGA, chaired by the President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic, Julio Cesar Valentín, accompanied by Victor Bisonó MP, Chair of the Dominican Group and by Ms. Minou Tavárez Mirabal, MP, Executive Committee Member of PGA, visited Port-au-Prince on Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

During the visit, the Delegation was able to hold meetings with the Haitian Prime Minister, Mr. Jean-Max Bellerive, the President of the Chamber of Deputies, Levaillant Louis Jeune, and with a group of Haitian Parliamentarians. Concerted efforts were made to meet with Senator Edmonde Beuzile, member of the International Committee of the PGA, which proved unsuccessful because of an inability to contact her.

Dominican parliamentarians offered their Haitian counterparts the facilities of the Dominican Congress, so they can hold their meetings. Through the Delegation from the Dominican Republic, the Haitian counterparts observed their pressing need for assistance which they requested be conveyed, to the global membership of PGA, in order to help them establish a temporary office, with usual materials and office equipment such as computers, printers, etc.

The PGA National Group of Haiti has scheduled a meeting next week to coordinate work to progress and channel such collaboration with the Haitian Congress. The group has been very active in seeking support for Haitian colleagues.

Similarly, the Delegation visited and continues to monitor the health status of Mr. Kelly Bastien, President of the Senate of the Republic of Haiti, and also it's Vice President. Both were hospitalized in the Dominican Republic for a period of time on account of the injuries they suffered when the Haitian Congress building was badly damaged as a result of the earthquake.

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