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PGA Campaign for the International Criminal Court
“The Politics of International Justice”
Strategy Meeting
Dutch Parliament & ICC, The Hague, 18 & 19 June 2009

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I. Objectives

1. To gather some of the most active members of the *PGA ICC Campaign* worldwide in order for them to receive in-depth briefings from ICC officials, experts, concerned governments and NGOs on the most urgent challenges facing the ICC and National jurisdictions in the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes.
2. To Assess the *PGA ICC Campaign* progress on universality as well as tools and resources available for the objective of effective implementation of the Rome Statute in national legal orders.
3. To facilitate the preparation-work for the priorities of PGA in the upcoming 2010 Review Conference of the Rome Statute and related-work on the crime of aggression and other substantive and stocktaking issues.

II. Programme

Day 1 - Thursday June 18: Dutch Parliament, Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal
Plein 2 - Grenadierszaal (Binnenhof 7 C209)

9.30-10.45

Welcome by

Mr. Coşkun Çörüz, MP (Netherlands) *Speaker on Justice Affairs (CDA); Host and Chair of the Meeting*

Dr. Ruth Wijdenbosch, MP (Suriname) *Chair, PGA International Council*

Intervention by

Mr. Luis Moreno Ocampo, Prosecutor of the ICC on the Impact of the ICC on conflict, post-conflict and crisis situations

10:45-11:05

I. Evaluation of the impact of ICC interventions

- (i) Current and potential situations under investigation and cases under prosecution
- (ii) Relationship of the ICC Office of the Prosecutor with International Organisation
- (iii) Execution of Arrest Warrants

Mr. Rod Rastan, Legal Advisor, Office of the Prosecutor, ICC

- (ii) Relationship of the ICC with International Organizations (i.e. UN, AU, Arab League)

Mr. Giovanni Bassu, Advisor on External Relations, Registry, ICC

Discussion

11:05-12:45

II. Measures to improve the Effectiveness of the ICC

Chair: Amb. Paul Wilke, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the ICC

- (i) Improving the effectiveness of the ICC through political support
Ms. Lousewies van der Laan, *Chef du Cabinet*, Presidency of the ICC; former MP, The Netherlands
- (ii) Cooperation by States and by International Organisations
Amb. Yves Haesendonck (Permanent Representative of Belgium to The Hague International Organisations), *Facilitator on Cooperation, ICC Assembly of States Parties*
- (iii) Enhancing Cooperation among Law Enforcement Agencies: executing orders to arrest and surrender – tracing and apprehending fugitives [and freezing assets]
Mr. Stefano Carvelli, Criminal Intelligence Officer, Fugitive Investigative Support Sub-Directorate, INTERPOL
- (iv) Challenges for the Court's effectiveness and cooperation of States and other actors to overcome them - The perspective of the Office of the Prosecutor
Ms. Olivia Swaak-Goldman, International Cooperation Adviser, Office of the Prosecutor, ICC

Discussion

13.00-14.00 Lunch [Tweede Kamer]

14.15-16.00 III. Universality and Implementation of the Rome Statute

14.15-15.00 Analysis of the results achieved since 1998
Dr. David Donat Cattin, PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme
Ms. Cecilia Nilsson, Legal Director, Secretariat of the Coalition for the ICC (CICC)

Discussion

15.00-16.00 *Session to be held in the framework of a Hearing of the Standing Committees of Foreign Affairs & Justice, Tweede Kamer* [Room: Groen van Pristererzaal]

Chair: Mr. Henk Jan Ormel, MP (The Netherlands), Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee

- (i) Country reports on Targets for Ratification
PGA Members attending the Strategy Meeting (SEE LIST BELOW)
- (ii) Country reports on Targets for Implementation
PGA Members attending the Strategy Meeting (SEE LIST BELOW)

Discussion on Lessons learned and the way forward

16.15-18.00 IV. Review Conference of the Rome Statute, Kampala, Uganda (31 May-10 June 2010)
[Room: Grenadierszaal]

- (i) The general debate of the Review Conference: maximising the impact of the system of international criminal justice, especially in conflict, post-conflict and crisis situations
Amb. Mirjam Blaak, Head of the Delegation of Uganda, ICC Assembly of States Parties
- (ii) Deletion of Article 124 limiting the Court's jurisdiction on war crimes
Dr. David Donat Cattin, Director, PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme
- (iii) Progress in the Definition of the Crime of Aggression
Deborah Ruiz Verduzco, PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme

19.00-20.30

Reception at the Residence of the Permanent Representative of Belgium to The Hague
International Judicial Institutions, **H.E. Amb. Yves Haesendonck**

Day 2 – Friday June 19: Premises of the International Criminal Court
2nd floor, Wing C, ICC

- 9:00- 11:00 **International Criminal Court – *Meetings with Organs of the ICC***
- 9.15- 9.45 **I. Meeting with the President of the International Criminal Court**
H.E. Judge Sang-Hyun Song (Republic of Korea)
- 9.50-10.20 **II. Meeting with the Deputy Prosecutor of the ICC**
Ms. Fatou Bensouda (Gambia)
- 10.25-10.45 **III. Meeting with the Deputy Registrar of the ICC**
Mr. Didier Preira (Senegal)
- 11.00-12.30 **Attendance to an ongoing Hearing/Trial at the ICC** [*if in public session*]
- 12.30-13.50 **Informal Luncheon** with one or more Judges of the ICC
- 14.00-15.00 **IV. Enhancing the preventative effect of the ICC** (*inter-organs presentation*)
- 14.00-14.30 Disseminating the Rome Statute: Outreach and Public Information of the ICC
Ms. Sonia Robla, *Head of Public Information and Documentation, Registry*
Discussion
- 14.30-15.00 Strengthening the Assembly of States Parties
Mr. Renan Villacis, *Director of the Secretariat, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute*
Discussion

Coffee Break
- 15.45-17.30 **V. Continuation of the Discussion among Parliamentarians: Programming of VI Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC and the Rule of Law ahead of the Review Conference 2010**

Chair: Sen. Marita Perceval (Argentina), Convenor, PGA International Law and Human Rights Programme

Open discussion on – inter alia –
 1. Universality of the Rome Statute
 2. Implementing legislation
 3. Promoting national prosecution of international crimes
 4. Enhancing cooperation with the ICC (e.g. measures on budget and human resources)
 5. Political and Diplomatic Support
 - a. Reinforcing the Role of States & the ASP
 - b. Mainstreaming the fight against impunity in bilateral and multilateral relations
 6. Disseminating the Rome Statute at the National level
 7. The 2010 Review Conference of the Rome Statute: substantive and stocktaking issue
 8. The 2010 VI *Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC and the Rule of Law*
- 17.30 **VI. Summary & Conclusions**

17.30 **Departure**

III. PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

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1. Sen. María Cristina Perceval
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Chair, PGA DRC National Group

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7. Mr. MJ Nolan, MP
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8. Mr. Khimlal Devkota, MP
Law and Justice Committee, Leader of the Communist Party in the Sansad

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Speaker Justice, CDA & Member of PGA
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Dutch Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly to the Council of Europe, CDA

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15. Senator Zainab A. Kure
Chair, Economic Planning and Poverty Alleviation Committee

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Uganda

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Chair, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee
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21. Sen. David Coltart
Minister of Education, Arts, Culture and Sports (MDC)

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

22. Judge Sang-Hyun Song
President

23. Mr. Luis Moreno Ocampo
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24. Mrs. Fatou Bensouda
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25. Mr. Didier Preira
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Vice-President of the Assembly of States Parties

39. Mr. Erasmo Lara (Mexico)

37. Amb. Mjriam Blaak (Uganda)

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