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PGA STATEMENT ON 11TH REPORT OF ICC PROSECUTOR TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE SITUATION IN DARFUR, SUDAN & RECENTS DEVELOPMENTS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC)

Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) welcomes the 11th Report of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to the Security Council on the situation in Sudan, made on 11 June 2010.

Our global parliamentary network notes, with concern, the continued lack of cooperation on the part of the Sudanese authorities in allowing the Court to carry out its mandate, as initiated by the UN Security Council under Chapter VII of the UN Charter.

This lack of cooperation has already been the object of a judicial finding by the ICC Pre-Trial Chamber on 25 May 2010, in which the Pre-Trial Chamber established that the Government of Sudan has refused to receive two arrest warrants duly issued by the Court over a period of more than two years. In accordance with Article 87.7 of the Rome Statute, the Pre-Trial Chamber referred the matter of non-cooperation to the UN Security Council for "any action that it may deem appropriate" under relevant provisions of the UN Charter.

Parliamentarians for Global Action calls upon the Security Council to give serious consideration to the recommendations contained in the Prosecutor's report and in the Pre-Trial Chamber judicial findings, including the possibility of the imposition of certain sanctions, with a view to compelling Sudan to comply with its existing obligations under UN Security Council Resolution 1593 (2005), including the urgent enforcement of pending arrest warrants.

Parliamentarians for Global Action notes that two rebel leaders from Darfur have appeared voluntarily before the ICC Pre-Trial Chamber in The Hague on 17 June 2009 to defend themselves from the accusations contained in sealed summonses to appear issued by the Court on 27 August 2009. PGA welcomes their cooperation with the Court and urges other persons wanted by the Court to appear at ICC Premises in order to exercise their right to defence and to be presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt.

PGA will continue to monitor this situation carefully, in the hope that Sudan will, without undue delay, see fit to comply with its aforementioned obligations.

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