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October 23, 2010

8:15 **Registration**

INAUGURATION

9:15 **Call to Order**

Welcome –

Ms. Guldal Aksit, MP, Chairperson of the Committee on Equality of Opportunity for Women and Men of the Turkish Parliament

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

9:30 **Inaugural Remarks -**

Hon. Selma Aliye Kavaf, MP Minister of State in charge of Women and Family
Hon. Nevzat Pakdil, Deputy Speaker of Grand National Assembly of Turkey

Introduction of Honorable Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey

Ms. Guldal Aksit, MP

9:50 **Inaugural Keynote Address -
H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey**

DAY ONE – THE CHALLENGES

10:30 **Panel 1 - HEALTH AND EDUCATION**

- Women's access to health care
- Education for girls, successes and challenges

Chair: Dr. Donya Aziz, MP (Pakistan) SDHP Program Deputy Convenor, PGA Executive Board

Keynote: Dr. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director – United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA)

- **Andeisha Farid**, Founder, ACECO
- **Sen. Fiona O'Malley** (Ireland)
- **Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba, MP** (Nepal)
- **Dr. Cevdet Erdol, MP** (Turkey)
- **Ms. Gifty Eugenia Kusi, MP** (Ghana)
- **Dr. Yuksel Ozden, MP** (Turkey)

12:00 - 12:30 *Open Discussion*

12:45 Lunch at venue – Introduction: **Ms. Tehmina Daultana, MP** (Pakistan)
Keynote: **Hon. Kadir Topbas**, Mayor of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality

2:15 **Panel 2 - LAND, PROPERTY AND INHERITANCE RIGHTS**

- Family law/code
- Issues related to religious/customary tradition
- Effects of transnational issues, such as conflict, HIV and climate change on land/property rights of women

Chair: Mark Pritchard, MP (UK)

Keynote: Ms. Diana Fletschner, Senior Land Tenure and Gender Expert, Rural Development Institute

- **Dip. Minou Tavarez Mirabal** (Dominican Republic), PGA Executive Board
- **Dep. Latifa Jbabdi** (Morocco)
- **Dr. Bernadette Lahai, MP** (Sierra Leone), PGA International Council
- **Ms. Senol Bal, MP** (Turkey)
- **Dep. Eve Bazaiba** (Democratic Republic of Congo)
- **Ms. Sapana Pradhan Malla, MP** (Nepal)

3:30-4:00 *Open Discussion*

4:00 **Panel 3 - EMPLOYMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND INCOME EQUALITY**

Chair: Dr. Ermelinda Meksi, MP (Albania) SDHP Program Convenor, PGA Executive Board

- **Mr. Riaz Khan Fatyana, MP** (Pakistan)
- **Sen. Edmonde Beauzile** (Haiti)
- **Ms. Rola Dashti, MP** (Kuwait)
- **Ms. Ozlem Turkone, MP** (Turkey)
- **Ms. Elsa Papademetriou, MP** (Greece)
- **Dep. Emmanuel Adubango, MP** (Democratic Republic of Congo)

5:00-5:30 *Open discussion*

Evening of October 23rd:

15th DEFENDER OF DEMOCRACY AWARDS DINNER (DDA)

October 24, 2010

DAY TWO – COMMITTING TO CHANGE

8:00 **Drafting Committee Meeting on Conference Declaration**

9:00 **Panel 4 - GENDER JUSTICE AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

- Ending Impunity for Crimes against Women and Effectively Protecting Women's Rights
- The rights of victims of gender-based crimes
- Incorporating Gender Justice Standards in National Law
- Mainstreaming Gender Justice Standards through the universal participation in the ICC
- Justice and protection of rights of women migrants and trafficking victims
- Promoting women's leadership in legal judicial systems and ending impunity for -based crimes, including rape

Chair: Sen. Alain Destexhe (Belgium), Deputy-Convenor, PGA International Law and Human Rights Programme

- **Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago**, (Philippines)
- **Dep. Emmanuel Adubango** (Democratic Republic of Congo)
- **Dip. Felipe Michelini** (Uruguay), Former Secretary of State for Education, Culture and Human Rights
- **Mr. Kula Segaran, MP** (Malaysia), Deputy Leader of the Opposition; Member of the Malaysian Bar Association
- **Dip. Margarita Stolbizer** (Argentina), Chairperson of the GEN Party (opposition)

- **Ms. Kathleen Ferrier, MP** (Netherlands)

9:30-10:50 *Open discussion*

11:00 **Panel 5 - INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL COMMITMENTS: BEIJING, CEDAW AND THE MDGs**

- Progress and challenges since Beijing
- Meeting the MDGs
- Finding common ground related to cultural differences
- Intra-boundary challenges for women's empowerment

Chair: Hon. Nimal Siripala De Silva (Sri Lanka)

- **Sen. Eme Ufot Ekaette**, (Nigeria), PGA International Council
- **Ms. Youngah Park, MP** (South Korea)
- **Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, MP** (Sweden)

12:00-12:30 *Open discussion*

12:45 **LUNCH-** Introduction: **Ms. Ozlem Turkone, MP** (Turkey)
Keynote: **Ms. Serpil Timur**, CEO of Vodafone Turkey and member of the Turkish Industrialist and Businessmen Association

2:00 **Panel 6 - PARLIAMENTARY PROGRESS FORWARD**

- Program and policy needs
- Legislation – and Implementation
- National Needs and Approaches
- International Needs and Approaches

Chair: Sen. Rida Azimi (Afghanistan)

- **Dr. Yvonne Herta Gilli Stocker, MP** (Switzerland), PGA International Council
- **Ms. Edibe Sozen, MP** (Turkey)
- **Dep. Maurice Bangayassi** (Central African Republic)
- **Ms Fatima Hajaig, MP** (South Africa)

3:00-3:30 *Open Discussion*

4:00-5:00 **Adoption of Joint Resolution**

Chair: Dr. Ruth Widjenbosch, MP (Suriname)

5:00 **Closing Session – The New UN Women's Agency: Potential and Challenges**
Chair - H.E. Amb. Jorge Arguello, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations

- **Ms. Shazia Rafi**, Secretary General, PGA
- **Ms. Marietje Schaake, MEP** (The Netherlands)

- **Ms. Carmel Sepuloni, MP** (New Zealand)
- **Ms. Tamera Gugelmeyer**, Executive Director, Sisterhood Is Global Institute
- **Dr. Sema Ramazanoglu**, Islamic Development Bank's Women's Advisory Panel

6:00 **End of Conference**

6:30 Bosphorus cruise (assembly in hotel lobby)

8:30 Dinner at the Istanbul Congress Center