# **PGA's Vision**

To contribute to the creation of a Rules-Based International Order for a more equitable, safe and democratic world.

# **PGA's Mission**

Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), a non-profit, non-partisan international network of over 1300 legislators in more than 100 elected parliaments around the globe, aims to promote peace, democracy, the rule of law, human rights, sustainable development and population issues by informing, convening, and mobilizing parliamentarians to realize these goals.

# Sustainable Development, Health and Population

PGA was a leading force behind the parliamentary consensus for the Rio Summit in 1992 and the Cairo Population Conference in 1994, which stressed reproductive health and women's rights rather than demographic goals alone. From 1999-2003, PGA was involved in reproductive health and the implementation of ICPD in Ghana, Senegal, Mali and Nigeria. In response to the growing HIV/AIDS epidemic in South Asia, PGA conducted a series of sub-regional seminars on HIV/AIDS in South Asia, Islamabad, Pakistan (2005); Dhaka, Bangladesh (2006); and Colombo, Sri Lanka (2007), and provincial parliamentary seminars on HIV/ADS policy in Pakistan, Karachi (2006); Lahore (2006); and Peshawar (2007). In 2009, the series continued with a seminar in Nepal. In 2010, the SDHP program will expand to include the topic of gender, specifically women's empowerment issues looking at topics such as health to socio-economic policies.

## **International Law and Human Rights**

In 1989, PGA Members launched a global campaign for the establishments of a fair, effective and independent International Criminal Court (ICC). PGA worked for the adoption of the Rome Statute of the ICC in 1998, and since then has promoted universal participation in the ICC system through ratification and effective implementation methods. PGA members were instrumental in the ratification/accession in 66 out of 111 Member States (as of June 2010). PGA has held the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC and the Rule of Law in Ottawa, Canada (2002), UN Headquarters in New York (2003), Wellington, New Zealand (2004), Tokyo, Japan (2006), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (2008) and Kampala, Uganda (2010).

# **Peace and Democracy**

Disarmament has been a focus of PGA since the first decade of its operation from 1978-1988, with particular priority given to the central importance of nuclear and chemical weapons. In 1984, PGA was instrumental in organizing the Six-Nation Peace Initiative, led by the government of Sweden which is widely credited with making possible the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty 12 years later. PGA received the first Indira Gandhi Peace Prize in 1986 for its initiative. PGA also promoted the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and the treaty banning Chemical weapons. In 2006, PGA launched a series of UN-related activities and high-level regional workshops to address the proliferation and misuse of Small Arms and Light Weapons and brining about support and awareness for the need for a comprehensive and effective Arms Trade Treaty.

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# **2010 Activities**

January	6th Special Session of the Organization of American States on the International Criminal Court (Washington, D.C.)
February	Roundtable Discussion on ICC Implementing Legislation in African Indian Ocean countries (Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles), (Parliament of the Comoros, Moroni)
March	The 54th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) (United Nations, New York)
March	Parallel side meeting to the 54th Commission on the Status of Women: the role of women in peace-building and gender justice issues with national case studies on Afghanistan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, (Mission of Sweden, New York)
March-April	PGA Delegation to the 18th Africa-Caribbean-Pacific – European Union Joint Parliamentary Assembly (ACP-EU JAP), (Tenerife, Spain)
April	Strategy Session for Small Arms and Light Weapons / Arms Trade Treaty (New York)
May	The 18th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), (United Nations, New York)
Мау	VI Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC & the Rule of Law, (Kampala, Uganda)
May-June	The Review Conference to the Rome Statute of the ICC, (Speke Commonwealth Resort, Kampala, Uganda)
June	Third Biennial Meeting of States for the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons, (United Nations, New York)
July	Open-Ended Working Group on the Arms Trade Treaty, United Nations, New York
September	56th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Annual Meeting (Nairobi, Kenya)
October	PGA's 32nd Annual Forum: Women's Empowerment: Building Human Security, (Istanbul, Turkey)
December	Conference of Parties (COP 16) - United Nations Climate Change Conference (Venue: TBD)

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