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UNIVERSALITY OF THE ROME STATUTE OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC)**

*Working Group of the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC on the Rule of Law*

*Hosted by the Parliament of Malaysia*

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Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

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**PROGRAMME**

**8 MARCH**

**Tuesday**

Arrival of the Participants in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**9 MARCH**

**Wednesday**

VENUE: BRIEFING HALL, PARLIAMENT OF MALAYSIA

8.30 a.m.

Registration of the Participants

9:15 a.m.

**Opening Session**

*Master of Ceremony*

**Hon. M. Kulasegaran, MP (Malaysia)**

Secretary, PGA Malaysia Organising Committee

*Welcome, Remarks and Introductions*

**Hon. Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz, MP (Malaysia)**

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department

Chair of the PGA Malaysia Organising Committee

**H.E. Ambassador Vincent Piket**

Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Malaysia

**Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand)**

Executive Committee, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

Former Speaker of New Zealand

- 9:40 a.m.      **Opening Address**
- H.E. Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Mulia, MP**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives, Malaysia
- 10:00 a.m.      **Keynote address**
- H.E. Judge Sang-Hyun Song (Republic of Korea)**  
President of the International Criminal Court
- 10:30 a.m.      **Questions & Answers session with the President of the ICC**
- 11:00 a.m.      **Group Photograph followed by Coffee-break**
- Press Conference** with the Hon. Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz, MP,  
Hon. M. Kulasegaran MP, Judge S.-H. Song, President of the ICC, and Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand) on behalf of PGA
- 11:30 a.m.      **Session 1**
- The Non-Retroactive Jurisdiction of the ICC:**  
*Its complementary relationship with national jurisdiction and its separation from accountability mechanisms concerning crimes committed before the Rome Statute's entry into force for new States Parties*
- Chair*      **Hon. Mohd Yusmadi Mohd Yusoff, MP (Malaysia)**
- Panelists*      **H.E. Ambassador Noor Farida Ariffin**  
Director-General, Research, Treaties and International Law Department  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia
- Mr. Rangunath Kesavan**  
President, Malaysian Bar
- 12:00 p.m.      **Open Discussion**
- 12:30 p.m.      **Lunch**
- 2:00 p.m.      **Session 2: Roundtable Discussion (part 1)**
- The Status of Ratification and Implementation of the Rome Statute in Asian Countries**
- Chair*      **Hon. Chong Eng, MP (Malaysia)**
- Panelists*      **Dr. Aziz Syamsuddin, MP (Indonesia)**  
Vice-Chairperson, Commission III (Law, Justice and Human Rights)
- Mr. Hafiz Ahmed Majumder, MP (Bangladesh)**

Member, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Estimate

**Hon. Mr. Taumati Iuta, MP (Kiribati)**

Speaker of the Parliament

3:00 p.m. **Open Discussion**

3:30 p.m. **Coffee-break**

3:45 pm **Session 2: Roundtable Discussion (part 2)**

**The Status of Ratification and Implementation of the Rome Statute in Asian countries**

*Parliamentary work on ICC – Issues and Challenges*

*Chair*

**Hon. Nancy Shukri, MP (Malaysia)**

Chair of the Gender Caucus – Parliament of Malaysia

*Panelists*

**Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago (The Philippines)**

Chair, Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Committee,

Senate of The Philippines; Professor of Law

**Mr. Ahmed Ali Sawad (Maldives)**

Attorney-General and Minister of Justice

**Ms. Maryline Arnhambat Abel (Vanuatu)**

President, Women's Wing - Greens Confederation

**Dr. David Donat Cattin (Italy) - Rapporteur**

Director, International Law & Human Rights Programme, PGA

4:30 pm **Debate/Open Forum**

5:10 pm **Concluding remarks**

5:15 pm Return to Hotel *Le Meridien* (for overseas participants)

7:00 pm Leave for Dinner Reception

7:30 pm **Dinner/Reception** (for overseas participants)

Hosted by the Embassy of The Kingdom of The Netherlands to Malaysia  
Residence of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands,  
H.E. Ambassador Paul Bekkers

**10 March  
Thursday**

9:00 am *Welcome Remarks*

**Hon. Lim Kit Siang, MP (Malaysia)**

9:15 am            **Session 3**

**Complementarity and Cooperation: The Two Pillars of Domestic Legislation to Implement the Rome Statute of the ICC**

*Chair*            **Mr. Andrew Khoo (Malaysia)**  
Chair, Human Rights Committee, Bar Council Malaysia

*Opening Address* **Hon. Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail**  
The Attorney General of Malaysia

*Panelists*       **Professor Dr. Abdul Ghafur Hamid**  
*Abmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws*, International Islamic University  
Malaysia

**Mr. Daniel Kooij**  
ICC Policy Adviser, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the  
Netherlands

10.00 am           **Open debate**

10:30 am           **Coffee-break**

11:00 am           **Session 4: Roundtable Discussion**

**Common Strategies and Actions to Support the Effectiveness and Universality of the ICC**

*Chair*            **Hon. Sen. Dato' Daljit Singh Dalliwal, MP (Malaysia)**

*Panelists*       **Ms. Louisewies van der Laan (The Netherlands)**  
*Chef du Cabinet*, Presidency, International Criminal Court  
Former MP, Netherlands, and former MEP, European Parliament

**Ms. Evelyn Balais-Serrano**  
Coordinator, Coalition for the International Criminal Court-Asia

**Ms. Nilufar Chowdhury Moni, MP (Bangladesh) [TBC]**

**Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand)**

**Mr. Peter Barcroft (Ireland) - *Rapporteur***  
Senior Programme Officer, International Law and Human Rights, PGA

*Open Discussion*

12:00 pm           **Concluding Session**

[*An Action Plan for Parliamentarians to Promote the Universality of the Rome Statute of the ICC in the Asia-Pacific*]

*Co-Chair*    **Hon. Kulasegaran, MP**

**Closing Address**

**H.E. Senator Tan Sri Abu Zahar Ujang**  
President of the Senate, Malaysia

13:00 pm    *Lunch*

End of Program