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PGA STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION IN LIBYA

PGA welcomes reports that Seif al-Islam, son of Libyan President Moammar Gaddafi, against whom the International Criminal Court has pending an arrest warrant for crimes against humanity dating from June 27, 2011 is currently being held in detention by the Transitional Government in Libya. In line with the statement of the National Transitional Council of 5 May 2011 of full cooperation with the ICC, PGA calls upon the Libyan Transitional Government to ensure that Seif al-Islam continues to be held in a secure and safe location, pending his surrender to the ICC which should take place without undue delay.

PGA commends the Libyan Transitional Government for this important step and urges it to detain all those Libyan nationals against whom arrest warrants are pending before the ICC as well as to ensure the protection of civilians and the swift return of law and order in the country.

PGA further calls for an orderly and prompt transfer of all the instruments of power to the Libyan Transitional Government so that it can move to restore basic services and effective government to the people of Libya, who have suffered so much and for so long.

PGA recalls the international obligations of all parties to the conflict to respect the laws of armed conflict and human rights law.

PGA reminds the 116 states parties to the Rome Staute of their obligation of full and effective cooperation in the enforcement of arrest warrants, and urges the international community to continue supporting the effective functioning of the ICC in delivering an impartial mandate to protect civilians in line with Resolution 1970 adopted unanimously by the Security Council, through the conduction of a fair trial that upholds the rights of the defence and the vicitms.