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Honourable President,

It is our distinct honour to invite you and a delegation of your Parliament to participate in the *34th session of the Annual Parliamentary Forum* of Parliamentarians for Global Action which will take place in the Chamber of Representatives of the Parliament of Colombia in Bogota from 9-10 December 2013 on the occasion of International Human Rights Day. The Annual Parliamentary Forum is organized by Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), an NGO affiliated to the United Nations supported by over 1,000 Members of Parliament elected in 130 countries, working to implement domestically international treaties on human rights, the Rule of Law, peace and security, and gender equality.

Every year, PGA convenes a high-level parliamentary forum bringing together MPs from around the globe to exchange best practices and discuss policy strategies on a relevant international issue. During the forums, PGA members have the invaluable opportunity to discuss these issues with other members from around the world and with parliamentarians who are not members of PGA, as well as with government officials and high-level experts and intergovernmental organisations representatives. Since 2000, PGA's annual forums have been held in Italy, Canada, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Sweden and the United States. This year, the Parliamentary Forum will take place in Colombia to address the topic of "**Building a stable and durable peace: the role of parliamentarians in support of peace processes**" to contribute to generate parliamentary support to the peace process in Colombia in order to end a war of over 50 years.

We would be most grateful if you could confirm your participation and/or inform us of the composition of the Delegation of your Parliament, preferably prior to October 30, 2013 to forum2013@pgaction.org.

We look forward to benefit from your participation in Bogota and to work together towards the realisation of PGA's vision, "*the creation of a Rules-Based International Order for a more equitable, safe and democratic world*".

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of our highest esteem and consideration.

Hon. Hernán Penagos Giraldo (Colombia)
President of the Chamber of Representatives.

Hon. Ross Robertson, MP (Vice-President of the
Chamber of Representatives, New Zealand)
President, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA).