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**BUILDING A STABLE AND DURABLE PEACE: THE ROLE OF
PARLIAMENTARIANS IN SUPPORT OF PEACE PROCESSES**

9 and 10 December 2013

CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC, BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

Day 1: Monday, 9 December 2013

8:30

ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS TO THE CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC

9:00–10:30

OPENING SESSION

Sen. Juan Fernando Cristo (Colombia), President of the Senate

Hon. Hernán Penagos Giraldo, MP (Colombia), President of the House of Representatives

Hon. Mg. Jorge Iván Palacio Palacio (Colombia), President of the Constitutional Court of Colombia

Hon. H.V. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand, Assistant Speaker), President of PGA

Rep. Ivan Cepeda Castro (Colombia), Chair, Organising Committee, *PGA Annual Parliamentary Forum*;
Co-Chair of the Peace Committee; Vice-Chair of the Human Rights Committee

Recognitions:

Dip. Minou Tavaréz Mirabal (Dominican Republic), Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee; Chair, PGA
International Council

Rep. Angela Maria Robledo (Colombia), Co-Chair of the Peace Committee, House of Representatives;
Member of Organising Committee, *PGA Annual Parliamentary Forum*

10:30–10:40

Coffee Break

10:45–12:30

**1. The international framework for peace-making, including disarmament and accountability
mechanisms for conflict-deterrence and non-repetition of atrocities in a victim-centered approach**

Panel:

Dip. Dr. Felipe Michelini (Uruguay), Convenor, PGA International Law and Human Rights
Programme

Hon. Boniface Balamage Nkolo, MP (Dem. Rep. Congo), Member of the National Assembly of the
Democratic Republic of the Congo ; Member of PGA

Dr. Ruth Wijdenbosch (Suriname), Deputy Speaker, National Assembly of Suriname; Member, PGA
Executive Committee

Mr. Rodrigo Uprimny, (Colombia) Director of “DeJuSticia” - Center of Studies on Law, Justice and
Society, Colombia

Chair: **Mr. Mark Pritchard, MP** (United Kingdom), Vice Chairman of the UK Latin America Parliamentary Group; Deputy Convenor of the International Law and Human Rights Programme, PGA

Plenary discussion

12:45–14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00–15:40

2. Domestic measures for effective disarmament and the ratification and full implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)

Panel: **Sen. Jim Walsh** (Ireland), Member, PGA Executive Committee
Ms. Melanie Régimbal, Director of United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC)
Dip. Oscar Gerardo Alfaro Zamora, MP (Costa Rica), Member of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica and Chair of the Human Rights, Justice and Penitentiary Affairs of the Latin-American Parliament
Mr. Alberto Yepes (Colombia) Centre for Human Rights Director of the Coordination Colombia-Europe-United States

Chair: **Hon. Naveed Qamar** (Pakistan), Chair of PGA Pakistan National Group

Plenary discussion

15:40–15:50 *Coffee Break*

15:50–17:30

3. Domestic measures for accountability, the complementary jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the application of penalties that are alternative to imprisonment

Panel: **Hon. Stephen Tashobya, MP** (Uganda), Chair, PGA Uganda National Group; Chair, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee
Rep. Guillermo Rivera, MP (Colombia), Member of Organising Committee, *PGA Annual Parliamentary Forum*; Member of the Peace Committee, House of Representatives
Dr. David Donat Cattin (Italy), Secretary-general designate, PGA

Chair: **Dip. Marisol Penafiel Montesdeoca**, (Peru), Member of PGA

Plenary discussion

18:00–19:15 **Defender of Democracy Award (DDA) 2013 Ceremony**
(Hosted by the Mayor of Bogota, Mr. Gustavo Petro, Salón Huitaka, City Hall)

20:00–22:00 **Defender of Democracy Award (DDA) 2013 Dinner**
(Hosted by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of the Representatives of Colombia in the Hotel Tequendama Crowne Plaza, Bogota)

8:15–9:45

4. Eradicating root causes of conflict: ensuring political participation of all, undertaking land reforms and advancing gender equality and non-discrimination in peace and stabilization efforts

Panel: **Ms. Rocio Londoño** (Colombia), Professor, Department of Urban Sociology of the National University of Colombia
Ms. Sandra Luna (Colombia), Ruta Pacifica de las Mujeres
Mr. Hugo Orlando Velásquez Jaramillo, MP (Colombia), Chair of the Human Rights Committee of the Chamber of Representatives
Dip. Margarita Stolbizer (Argentina), Member of PGA
Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, MP (Sweden), Treasurer of PGA, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE

Chair : **Rep. Angela Maria Robledo** (Colombia), Co-Chair of the Peace Committee, House of Representatives; Member of Organising Committee, *PGA Annual Parliamentary Forum*

Plenary discussion

9:45–10:00 Official presentation of the Letter of Support to the Peace Process to the Ambassadors of Cuba and Norway as guarantors of the peace process

10:10–11:30

5. Supporting the Colombian peace process: Lessons-learned and outstanding challenges and obstacles, with particular attention to the fulfillment of victims' rights and the attainment of durable peace

Panel: **Sen. Roy Barreras** (Colombia), former President of the Senate, Co-Chair of the Peace Committee
Ms. Gloria Flórez Schneider (Colombia), Parliamentarian of the Parlamento Andino; Member of PGA
Father Francisco de Roux Rengifo, Head of the Jesuit Order of Colombia
Mr. Kula Segaran, MP (Malaysia), Deputy Leader of the Opposition; Secretary of PGA Malaysia National Group
Dip. Sigfrido Reyes (El Salvador), President of the Legislative Assembly; member of PGA

Chair: **Dep. Alain Destexhe** (Belgium), Member of the International Council, PGA

Plenary discussion

11:30–12:00 *Testimonies from leaders of the armed conflict in Colombia who have participated in peace processes*
Mr. León Valencia (Colombia), former member of the Central Command of the insurgent group "ELN" in the eighties and former executive director of the *Corporación Nuevo Arco Iris*: In 1994, he participated in the peace agreement signature with the national government. He is now a columnist of *Semana* magazine.

Mr José Manuel Bonnet (Colombia), Retired Army Officer. He held the positions of Director of the Superior School of War, General Inspector of the Armed Forces, Commander of the Army, General Commander of the Armed Forces and Ambassador of Colombia to Greece. He is currently a University Professor, who also teaches at the "Superior School of War" the following course: Strategic Planning, Operations and Decision Making Process.

12:00–13:15 *Lunch Break*

13:30–15:00

6. The Colombian peace process (*continued*): Forging Peace-Agreements and reconciliation mechanisms that entails effective participation of women in peace-making and consistency with international legal obligations, including the duty to ensure adequate reparations for the victims of crimes and effective guarantees of non-repetition ("*nunca mas*") for society at large

- Panel:* **Sen. Gloria Inés Ramirez** (Colombia), Member of the Peace Committee of the Senate
Rep. Consuelo Gonzalez de Perdomo, (Colombia), Member of the Peace Committee (held hostage by the guerrilla group “FARC” from 2001 to 2008)
Mr. Camilo Villa (Colombia), Representative of the Movement of Victims of State Crimes (Movice)
Dr. Mohamed Benabdessadeq, MP (Morocco), Head of the Justice & Constitutional Affairs Department, Justice & Development Party of Morocco; Member of PGA
- Chair:* **Rep. Juan Carlos Martinez** (Colombia), Co-Chair of the Peace Committee of the Chamber of Representatives

15:00–16:00

CLOSING SESSION: Consideration and Concluding remarks on the occasion of International Human Rights Day

- Chair:* **Dip. Minou Tavarez Mirabal** (Dominican Republic), Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee; Chair, PGA International Council
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Rep. Angela Maria Robledo (Colombia), Co-Chair of the Peace Committee; Member of Organising Committee, *PGA Annual Parliamentary Forum*
- Closing Remarks:* **H.E. Mr. Juan Manuel Santos**, President of the Republic of Colombia
- CLOSURE:** Cultural Presentation hosted by the Congress of the Republic of Colombia

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During the course of the 35th PGA Annual Forum, reference will be made to the following excerpts from the Address by the President of Colombia to the 68th UN General Assembly concerning the “first” peace-process in the new “era” of accountability of the Rome Statute:

“My generation has not seen one single day of peace, and my dream is for my children and the children of all Colombians to have the chance to see it.

I hope the guerrilla understands that the time has come to leave this 50 year confrontation behind; that the time has come to change from bullets to votes, from weapons to argumentations; that the time has come for them to continue their struggle, but within democracy. [...]

Our obligation is to end this conflict now, to ensure that the spiral of violence and pain will not continue repeating itself.

We will stop this conflict according to our democratic tradition, the Rule of Law, and attending to our duties with international community.

We are going to achieve an end to our conflict; but make no mistake, this does not mean that we will relinquish justice, and much less the truth and the reparation of the victims. And I want to offer my thoughts in this [UN General] Assembly on the role of the United Nations and the multilateral bodies in our peace process and its eventual implementation.

It’s a pertinent and current thought, since Colombia is probably the first country in the planet to engage in a process of this nature during the existence of the Rome Statute. This will turn us into a model for other countries to learn from our experience.”

Cf. UNGA, New York, 24 September 2013: http://gadebate.un.org/sites/default/files/gastatements/68/CO_en_0.pdf.