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ANNUAL FORUM OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION

35TH Session

Building a stable and durable peace: the role of Parliamentarians in support of peace

Chamber of Representatives, Parliament of Colombia

Bogotá, Colombia

9-10 December 2013

Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) is a network of more than 1,000 parliamentarians from 131 countries around the world mobilized to use their legislative and political prerogatives for the solution of global problems.

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 engage in dialogue with parliamentarians from other countries, as well as with government officials and high-level experts from civil society and intergovernmental organisations. Since 2000, PGA's annual forums have been held in Canada, Dominican Rep., Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Turkey, the United States and at the United Nations.

The 35th session of the Annual Parliamentary Forum will be hosted by the Parliament of Colombia from 9-10 December 2013, on the occasion of International Human Rights Day. It will 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.

On the occasion of the Forum, the International Council and the Executive Committee (the Board) of PGA will have their annual joint meeting. The Council and the Board are the governing and monitoring bodies of the PGA global parliamentary network.

Participants

All democratically elected Parliaments have received from the President of the Chamber of Representatives of Colombia, Hon. Hernán Penagos, and the President of PGA, Mr. R. Robertson, MP (New Zealand) a written invitation to attend the 35th Annual Forum.

Parliamentary delegations will be primarily composed of legislators working directly on peace-related topics, foreign affairs, defense, human rights, justice, development, conflict management, gender equality, education and budget.

The delegations of some Parliaments may be led by the **Speaker** of the relevant legislative assembly.

Parliamentarians will be invited to participate actively in the debate by sharing information and opinions on progress and challenges that their countries are facing.

High Level International Officials will be invited to represent relevant international organizations involved in peace-making, State-building, human rights, accountability and the Rule of Law, justice and transitional justice, disarmament and the representation of regional interest in conflict situations.

Government Officials: The 35th Annual Forum is expected to benefit from an important attendance of Colombian government officials.

Selected **NGOs representatives and experts** have been invited to attend the Forum.

Schedule

Arrival of delegations:	Sunday, December 8
Opening and Day 1:	Monday, December 9
Day 2 and Closing:	Tuesday, December 10
Departure of participants:	Wednesday, December 11

Venue

Chamber of Representatives, Parliament of Colombia, Bogota

Agenda Items

- **The international legal framework for peace-making/building, including disarmament and accountability mechanisms for conflict-deterrence and non-repetition of atrocities in a victim-centered approach**
- **Domestic measures for effective disarmament and the ratification and full implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)**
- **Domestic measures for accountability, the complementary jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the application of penalties that are alternative to imprisonment**
- **Eradicating root causes of conflict – Advancing political participation, land reforms, gender equality and non-discrimination in peace and stabilization efforts**
 - *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*
 - *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*

Working Languages

The working languages of the proceedings of the 35th PGA Annual Forum will be English, French, and Spanish.