Parliamentary Consultations on the Rule of Law & Justice in the Central African Republic
National Assembly, Bangui, CAR
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AGENDA

Thursday, 13 October 2011

09:00 – 10:00h Arrival and registration of participants

10:00 – 10:45h Welcome and Opening Session

Chaired by H.E. Hon. Célestin Leroy Gaombalet, Speaker of the National Assembly, CAR

Hon. Raphael Nyabirungu mwene Songa, MP (Democratic Republic of Congo), Representative on behalf of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

H.E. Ms. Hawa Ahmed Youssouf, Special Representative of the African Union, liaison office of the African Union in Bangui, CAR

H.E. Ms. Margaret Vogt, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General and Head of the Integrated Office of the UN in CAR (BINUCA)

H.E. Ambassador Guy Samzun, Head of the European Union delegation in CAR

H.E. Ambassador Jan Grauls, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the UN & Chair of the CAR Configuration of the UN Peace Building Commission (PBC)

Opening Statement by H.E. Hon. Célestin Leroy Gaombalet, Speaker of the National Assembly, CAR

11:00 – 11.10h Withdrawal of officials – setting up the office of the seminar (President, Vice President, General Rapporteur and Deputy Rapporteur of the National Assembly)

11:10 – 11:30h Coffee break
11:30 – 12:15h  **The role of strengthening the Rule of Law and Judicial Systems in the Consolidation of Peace**

_Chaired by:_ Office of the Central African National Assembly

H.E. M. Firmin Findiro, _Minister of Justice and Morality, CAR_, represented by his _Chief of Staff_, Mr. Flamarien Goba

Mr. Alain Tolmo, _Attorney General, High Court in Bangui, CAR_

Mr. Harry van Bommel, MP (The Netherlands), _Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee_

**Interactive Discussion**

12.15 – 13.15h  **Promoting Justice and the Rule of Law – Complementary approaches and projects and how parliamentarians can support them**

_Chaired by:_ Office of the Central African National Assembly

Mr. Renner Onana, _Head of the Human Rights and Justice Section of BINUCA_

Pr. Elysée Roger Ouilibona, _Lawyer, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Bangui, CAR_

Mr. Michael Carrier, _Delegation for Peace, Democracy and Human Rights, International Organisation of Francophonie (OIF)_

Mr. Russel Mezeme Mba, _Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Advisor, liaison office of the African Union in Bangui, CAR_

**Interactive Discussion**

13:15 – 14:30h  **Lunch**

14:30 – 15.30h  **Universality and Effectiveness of the Rome Statute system - Mainstreaming the Rule of Law in Development Cooperation and using the ICC as catalyst for Law Reforms**

_Chaired by:_ Office of the Central African National Assembly

Hon. Raphael Nyabirungu mwene Songa, MP (Democratic Republic of Congo), _Member of the Defence and Security Commission, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Kinshasa, DRC_

Mr. Guy Eugène Demba, _Lawyer, Head of Department, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Bangui, CAR_

Ms. Danielle Demafouth, _Lawyer, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Bangui, CAR_

**Interactive Discussion**
15:30 – 16.15h  The parliamentary contribution to the effective implementation of the Rome Statute

*Chaired by:* Office of the Central African National Assembly

H.E. Mr. Jean-Serge Bokassa, Minister of Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture, CAR, former member of PGA

Hon. Pindi Chana, MP (Tanzania), Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional, Legal and Administrative Affairs

Hon. Mountaga C. Tall, MP (Mali), Member of the Panafican parliament

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Director, International Law and Human Rights Programme, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

*Interactive Discussion*

16:30h  Return to the hotel

19:00h  Dinner

**Friday, 14 October 2011**

09:30 – 10:00h  Arrival of the participants

10:00 – 11:30h  The International Criminal Court in CAR

*Chaired by:* Office of the Central African National Assembly

Ms. Fabienne Chassagneux, Field Outreach Coordinator, Outreach Office in CAR, International Criminal Court (ICC)

*Interactive Discussion*

11:30 – 11:45h  Coffee break

11:45 – 12:30h  The role of parliamentarians in promoting the deterrent effect of the system of the Rome Statute and its impact on peace, democracy and human rights

*Chaired by:* Office of the Central African National Assembly

Hon. Saleh Makki, MP (Chad)

Mr. Joseph Bindoumi, President of the Central African League for Human Rights

*Interactive Discussion*

12:30 – 13:45h  Lunch

13:45 – 14:15h  Observations and adoption of the declaration

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Director, International Law and Human Rights Programme, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

Mme. Stefanie Küng, International Law and Human Rights Programme, on behalf of the PGA Secretariat
14:15 – 14:45h  **Closing Session and Acknowledgements**

*Chaired by:* Office of the Central African National Assembly

Reading of the Final Report

Reading of the recommendations and acknowledgements

*Closing statement of* H.E. Hon. Célestin Leroy Gaombalet, *Speaker of the National Assembly, CAR*

15:00h  **Return to the hotel**