



**Parliamentary Campaign for the Universality and Effectiveness
of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
(PGA ICC Campaign 2008-2009)**

PGA is a network of 1300 members from 125 Parliaments around the globe who, in their individual capacity and using their prerogatives as law-makers, undertake initiatives to support the ICC and the rule of law. As of July 15, 2008, the different initiatives and activities of these MPs have contributed to 63 of the 108 ratifications/accessions to the Rome Statute of the ICC to date.

The trans-regional and national mobilization of parliamentarians, supported by the PGA Secretariat, ensures accurate analyses on the different issues stalling the ICC process in different countries and the multi-partisan involvement of stakeholders to overcome these obstacles and challenges. The tailored initiatives and activities of the Campaign are structured in such a way so as to ensure 'cross-fertilization' between international and country-specific activities.

PGA also participates actively in the ongoing international campaign to increase support for the Court, in particular in enforcing outstanding ICC arrest warrants, and ensuring that the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the ICC, slated to take place in 2009/10, will be a genuine success in reinforcing the important role of the ICC within the international peace and security system. For 2008-2009, PGA members have identified the following target countries in which Parliamentarians can contribute in a concrete way to ensuring the goals of universality and effectiveness of the Court.

A. PRIORITY TARGETS

1. Targets for ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute (25)

Africa: Cape Verde, Cameroon, Mozambique, Seychelles

The Americas: Chile, Nicaragua, St. Lucia [and certain other States from the Caribbean Community - CARICOM- and Central America]

Asia & the Pacific: Indonesia, Nepal, Malaysia, Philippines and *Pacific Islands States* such as Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, as well as *Niue (State in free association with New Zealand)*

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS): Czech Republic, Moldova, Turkey, Ukraine [and other Council of Europe and/or CIS Member States]

Middle East and the Mediterranean: Bahrain, Morocco, Lebanon

2. Trans-regional targets for Ratification (34 ACP-EU countries) [overlapping with regional targets]

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| 1. Angola | 12. Grenada | 24. Solomon Islands |
| 2. Bahamas | 13. Guinea-Bissau | 25. Somalia |
| 3. Cameroon | 14. Haiti | 26. St. Lucia |
| 4. Cape Verde] | 15. Jamaica | 27. Sudan |
| 5. Cote d'Ivoire ¹ | 16. Kiribati | 28. Swaziland |
| 6. Cuba | 17. Mauritania | 29. Togo |
| 7. Czech Republic | 18. Niue [not UN Member] | 30. Tonga |
| 8. Equatorial Guinea | 19. Palau | 31. Tuvalu |
| 9. Eritrea | 20. Papua New Guinea | 32. Vanuatu |
| 10. Ethiopia | 21. Rwanda | 33. Zimbabwe |
| 11. Federated States of Micronesia | 22. Sao Tome et Principe | |
| | 23. Seychelles | |

3. Targets on Implementation of the Rome Statute (21)

Africa: Chad, Comoros, DRC, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar², Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda [Other ECOWAS Member States]

The Americas: Brazil, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, Suriname³ [and other States]

Asia & the Pacific: Fiji⁴, and certain other Pacific Island States

¹ Cote d'Ivoire has accepted the ICC jurisdiction only for crimes committed in the recent conflict.

² Madagascar joined the Rome Statute on March 14, 2008, after that it had amended its Constitution to finalise the ratification process, regarding which Parliament had approved the ICC Ratification Bill at the end of 2006.

³ Suriname joined the ICC system on *July 16, 2008*, as a result of the mobilisation of a multi-party group of MPs led by PGA Board Member Dr. Ruth Wijdenbosch MP.

⁴ The Parliament of Fiji has been suspended since December 2006 since a military coup took place in that country.

Europe: Albania, Italy, Russian Federation [and certain other Council of Europe Member States]

Middle East and the Mediterranean: Jordan

B. CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008-2009

January 10-11, 2008: Roundtable Discussion on ICC Implementing Legislation with Parliamentarians of Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria & Sierra Leone, Parliament & Presidency of Sierra Leone, Freetown

Jan. 30-31, 2008: PGA participation in the Seminar on the ICC co-organized by German Embassy and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Secretariat of the League of Arab States, Cairo, Egypt

February 14, 2008: Consultations on ICC Implementing Legislation, Senate of Mexico, Mexico City

February 28, 2008: Seminar on the African region of the Great Lakes and the DR Congo (co-organized by the PGA Italy National Group), Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of Italy, Rome

February 29, 2008: PGA intervention at the Council of the EU-COJUR, Public International Law, ICC sub-area (with CICC, AI, HRW et al.) Brussels [N.B. *not a PGA event - twice every semester – NGOs coordinated by CICC Brussels*]

March 17-18, 2008: Consultations on ICC Implementing Legislation and Panel Discussion in the framework of the Pacific Islands Parliamentary Meeting on Good Governance and the Rule of Law, Parliament of Samoa, Apia

March 17-20, 2008: Participation of PGA Delegation to 15th Africa-Caribbean-Pacific – European Union Joint Parliamentary Assembly (ACP-EU JAP), Ljubljana, Slovenia [*ICC included in the JAP agenda by PGA Members*]

April 2, 2008: PGA Lecture entitled “*Strategies, Limits and Opportunities of the International Criminal Court Communication Activities*” at the Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series, (organised by the T.M.C. Asser Institute, CICC and Leiden University), Asser Institute, The Hague

May 8, 2008: Briefing on the ICC for Congressional staff members of the Foreign Relations Committee – US House of Representatives, Washington DC, United States Congress

May 14, 2008: PGA Japan Strategy Meeting on the ICC and the responsibility to protect the civilian population from crimes against humanity in Darfur, National Diet of Japan, Tokyo

May 29, 2008: PGA intervention at the Council of the EU-COJUR, Public International Law, ICC sub-area (with CICC, AI, HRW et al.), Brussels [N.B. *not a PGA event - twice every semester – NGOs coordinated by CICC Brussels*]

June 2-5, 2008: Participation of PGA delegation to the ICC Assembly of States Parties – resumed VI session, UN Headquarters, New York

June 6-7, 2008: Regional Parliamentary Meeting on Ratification and Implementation of the Rome Statute, National Assembly of Suriname, Paramaribo

July 17, 2008: Intervention of PGA Board Member Dr. Ruth Wijdenbosch MP (Suriname) in the *10th Anniversary Celebrations of the Adoption of the Rome Statute of the ICC*, ICC Assembly of States Parties, United Nations, New York

August 5-10 2008: Informal meetings and consultations on the ICC dossier with Malaysian Legislators and other stakeholders at the 54th Commonwealth Parliamentary Assembly (CPA) Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Sept.-Oct. 2008: Mission of Parliamentarians from ICC States Parties to Indonesia, Parliament of Indonesia, Jakarta

Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 2008: Consultations at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on Ratification and Implementation of Rome Statute – Debate on the Motion for a Resolution: “*Cooperation with the ICC & its universality*” (Rapporteur: Dr. Herta Daubler-Gmelin, MP, Germany, PGA member), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

<p>Oct. 30-31, 2008: <u>V Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC and the Rule of Law</u> Part of the 30th Annual Forum on “<i>Strengthening Democratic Institutions, Accountability and the Rule of Law</i>”, National Congress of Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo</p>

Nov. 14-22, 2008: Participation of PGA delegation in the ICC Assembly of States Parties –VII session, ICC Assembly of States Parties, The Hague

II half 2008-I half 2009: (i) Informal consultations, (ii) Seminar for stakeholders and (iii) Meeting of the Middle-East & Mediterranean Working Group on the Universality of the ICC, Parliament of Bahrain, Manama

II half 2008-2009: Meetings on ICC accession, implementation and connected law and policy reforms in Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal

I half 2009: PGA Mission to Central America on Ratification & Implementation of the Rome Statute of the ICC, Parliament of Nicaragua, Managua and/or other Parliament(s) of Central American country(ies)

I half 2009: Roundtable Discussion/Workshop on ICC Implementing Legislation in African Indian Ocean countries, Parliament of the Comoros, Moroni

Mid-2009: Strategy Meeting on the politics of international justice: impact and effectiveness of the ICC – Towards the Review Conference of the Rome Statute, United Nations, New York or European Parliament, Brussels or Dutch Parliament, The Netherlands

Fall 2009: Participation of PGA delegation to the ICC Assembly of States Parties - VIII session, ICC Assembly of States Parties, The Hague, The Netherlands

II half 2009: Workshop on Reforming Legislation on the basis of the Rome Statute of the ICC in East Africa, Parliament of East African country (TBD)

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