International Parliamentary Conference on Justice and Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Great Lakes Region and Central Africa

Thursday, 10 to Saturday, 12 December 2009

Palais du Peuple, Seat of the Parliament of the DRC, Commune of Lingwala, Kinshasa, DRC

Day 1 – Thursday, December 10, 2009

« International Human Rights Day »

13:00h Arrival and inscription of the participants
13:15h Arrival of the Deputies and Senators
13:30h Arrival of the Guests
13:45h Arrival of the Ministers
13:55h Arrival of the President of the National Assembly
14:00h Opening Session

Moderator: Sen. **MWAMBA MUSHIKONKE Mwamus**, Vice President of the Political, Administrative and Legal Commission of the Senate / President of the National Group PGA-RDC (as of January 1, 2010), RDC

- National Anthem (Débout congolais)
- Introduction of Guests
- Opening Remarks by the President of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Congo - **H.E. Dep. Evariste BOSHAP**
- Inaugural Intervention by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Gender, Child and Family of the Democratic Republic of Congo – **Mme. Jacqueline LUFULU**
- Inaugural Intervention by the Minister of Justice of the Democratic Republic of Congo – **H.E. Dr. Luzolo Bambi LESSA**

- Inaugural Intervention by the Representative of the Delegation of the European Union in the Democratic Republic of Congo - **Mr. Joao DUARTE DE CARVALHO**

- Inaugural Intervention of the Assistant Director of UN-MONUC-OHCHR Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights – **Mr. Louis-Marie BOUAKA**

**15:15h**  
«Key-Note Address» by **H.E. Judge Sang-Hyun SONG** – President of the International Criminal Court

**15:30h**  
Session of Questions & Answers with the President of the ICC

**16:15h**  
End of day 1 after a brief presentation of the upcoming program activities, followed by a cocktail

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**09:00h**  
Arrival of Participants

**PANEL I**

«**The role of Justice in the establishment of Peace and the Rule of Law in post-conflict: A look at the countries of the Great Lakes Region and Central Africa**»

*Moderator: Hon. Deputy Delly SESSANGA, President of the Political, Administrative and Legal Commission of the National Assembly*

**09:30h**  
Justice for peace: accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in US foreign policy – **H.E. Ambassador Stephen RAPP**, Ambassador-at-large for War Crimes Issues, Department of State, United States

**09:40h**  
Justice for peace: the EU policies towards the African Great Lakes region – **Mr. Jean-Michel DUMONT**, Political Advisor to the European Union Special Representative for the Great Lakes Region, Council of the EU

**09:50h**  
The various mechanisms of reconstruction in conflict and post-conflict situations – **Hon. Benjamin BOUNKOULOU**, Senator Republic of Congo, Vice President of the Senate

**10:00h**  
The problem of the proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in securing and developing a State in conflict or post-conflict and how to prevent the cycle of violence-impunity – **Dep. Dieu Donné UPIRA**, MP RDC

**10:10h**  
International Cooperation (including international cooperation for development) and the fight against international crimes – **Dep. Claude JANIAK**, MP Switzerland, former Speaker of the National Assembly
PANEL II

«Violence against the civil population, especially women and children – its impact on society and the need to give reparations to victims, particularly through individual and collective programs of rehabilitation»

Moderator: **Dep. Jackeline RUMBU**, Gender Advisor of the Minister of Gender, Child and Family, RDC

11:45h   Sexual violence as a weapon of war in DRC – **Ms. Jaynet KABILA**, President of the Foundation Laurent-Désiré KABILA and Coordinator of the Initiative « Women for Peace in the Great Lakes Region »

11:55h   Resolution 1325 of the United Nations on Women, Peace and Security: State of its effective implementation in the DRC, obstacles and remedies - **Ms. Irène ESAMBO**, President CJR 1325 (Research Centre “Action on Justice of Resolution 1325”)

12:05h   The principles and rules of international and national law on the fight against sexual violence and the need to raise the minimum standard of protection - **Hon. Catherine MABOBORI**, MP Burundi

12:15h   The legal basis for an effective fight against sexual violence - **Ms. Claudine TSHONGO MBALAMYA**, Coordinator, Dynamics of Women Lawyers of Goma (DFJ)

12:25h   Legal, administrative and political measures for the fight against impunity and sexual violence against women and children of the authorities of the decentralized entities – **Hon. Gilbert KALINDA**, Rapporteur of the Bureau of the Provincial Assembly of North-Kivu

12:35h   Debate

13:15h   Lunch

PANEL III

«The fight against impunity in the process of peace and reconciliation and the role of the International Criminal Court (ICC) »

Moderator: **Sen. MULAILA THENGA BANDZUH**, Rapporteur of the Commission Defense, Security and Border Inspection / Chairman of the Group of the Province of Maniema in the Senate of the RDC

14:30h   Effectiveness and individual criminal responsibility : The challenges to arrest, extradite and bring to justice suspects of international crimes wanted by the ICC and national courts - **Dep. Dick MARTY**, MP Switzerland, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
14:40h  Impact of the ICC and other justice mechanisms for the stabilization of the African Great Lakes Region: the case of Uganda - Hon. Rebecca KADAGA, MP, Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Uganda

14:50h  The deterrent effect of the ICC and its impact on peace, stability and democracy: The case of Kenya – Hon. David A. WERE, MP Kenya

15:00h  The role of victims in a process of reconciliation and their right for reparations: The case of Chad – Hon. Jules MBOIGOTO TATOLOUNEL, MP Chad, President of the Committee for Legal Affairs

15:10h  Debate

16:00h  End of day 2 followed by a snack

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Day 3 – Saturday, December 12, 2009

09:30h  Arrival of Participants

PANEL IV

«The law implementing the Rome Statute and the cooperation with the International Criminal Court – Review and Outlook»

Moderator: Sen. Alain DESTEXHE, Belgium

10:00h  The current status of the law implementing the Rome Statute in the DRC, obstacles and possible solutions - Hon. Emmanuel ADUBANGO ALI, MP RDC, President of the National Group PGA-DRC

10:10h  various aspects concerning the implementation of the Rome Statute into national law - Dr. David DONAT CATTIN, Director of the International Law and Human Rights Programme of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

- The ICC and the efforts of national Courts to apply the principle of complementarity (criteria for the exercise of national jurisdiction)
- Freezing and seizing assets of suspects
- Measures to protect vulnerable victims
- Trials in situ of the ICC in the countries of the African Great Lakes


10:30h  The challenges of abolishing the death penalty for a sustainable and an effective implementation of the Rome Statute in the DRC - Hon. Prof. NYABIRUNGU MWENE SONGA, MP DRC
10:40h  Debate

11:30h  Coffee Break

12:00h  Closing Session:

Arrival of the 1st Vice-President of the Senate

Adoption of the Resolutions

Sen. Léonard SHE OKITUNDU LUNDULA, Former Minister of Human Rights and Director of the Office of Head of State

- Closing Remarks by Sen. Alain DESTEXHE, Belgium

- Closing Remarks by M. Edouard MOKOLO WA MPOMBO, 1st Vice-President of the Senate of the RDC

- National Anthem

13:15h  Session Photos

13:30h  Lunch and end of day 3

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