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Working Group of the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC on the Rule of Law

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PROGRAMME

8 MARCH
Tuesday

Arrival of the Participants in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

9 MARCH
Wednesday

Venue: Briefing Hall, Parliament of Malaysia

8.30 a.m.  Registration of the Participants

9:15 a.m.  Opening Session

Master of Ceremony
Hon. M. Kulasegaran, MP (Malaysia)
Secretary, PGA Malaysia Organising Committee

Welcome, Remarks and Introductions

Hon. Dato’ Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz, MP (Malaysia)
Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department
Chair of the PGA Malaysia Organising Committee

H.E. Ambassador Vincent Piket
Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Malaysia

Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand)
Executive Committee, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)
Former Speaker of New Zealand
9:40 a.m.  Opening Address  
H.E. Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Mulia, MP  
Speaker of the House of Representatives, Malaysia

10:00 a.m.  Keynote address  
H.E. Judge Sang-Hyun Song (Republic of Korea)  
President of the International Criminal Court

10:30 a.m.  Questions & Answers session with the President of the ICC

11:00 a.m.  Group Photograph followed by Coffee-break  
Press Conference with the Hon. Dato’ Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz, MP,  
Hon. M. Kulasegaran MP, Judge S.-H. Song, President of the ICC, and Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand) on behalf of PGA

11:30 a.m.  Session 1  
**The Non-Retroactive Jurisdiction of the ICC:**  
*Its complementary relationship with national jurisdiction and its separation from accountability mechanisms concerning crimes committed before the Rome Statute’s entry into force for new States Parties*

*Chair*  
Hon. Mohd Yussadi Mohd Yusoff, MP (Malaysia)

*Panelists*  
H.E. Ambassador Noor Farida Ariffin  
Director-General, Research, Treaties and International Law Department  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia  

Mr. Ragunath Kesavan  
President, Malaysian Bar

12:00 p.m.  Open Discussion

12:30 p.m.  Lunch

2:00 p.m.  Session 2: Roundtable Discussion (part 1)  
**The Status of Ratification and Implementation of the Rome Statute in Asian Countries**

*Chair*  
Hon. Chong Eng, MP (Malaysia)

*Panelists*  
Dr. Aziz Syamsuddin, MP (Indonesia)  
Vice-Chairperson, Commission III (Law, Justice and Human Rights  

Mr. Hafiz Ahmed Majumder, MP (Bangladesh)
Member, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Estimate

Hon. Mr. Taumati Iuta, MP (Kiribati)
Speaker of the Parliament

3:00 p.m.  Open Discussion

3:30 p.m.  Coffee-break

3:45 pm  Session 2: Roundtable Discussion (part 2)

The Status of Ratification and Implementation of the Rome Statute in
Asian countries
Parliamentary work on ICC – Issues and Challenges

Chair  Hon. Nancy Shukri, MP (Malaysia)
Chair of the Gender Caucus – Parliament of Malaysia

Panelists

Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago (The Philippines)
Chair, Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws
Committee, Senate of The Philippines; Professor of Law

Mr. Ahmed Ali Sawad (Maldives)
Attorney-General and Minister of Justice

Ms. Maryline Arnhambat Abel (Vanuatu)
President, Women’s Wing - Greens Confederation

Dr. David Donat Cattin (Italy) - Rapporteur
Director, International Law & Human Rights Programme, PGA

4:30 pm  Debate/Open Forum

5:10 pm  Concluding remarks

5:15 pm  Return to Hotel Le Meridien (for overseas participants)

7:00 pm  Leave for Dinner Reception

7:30 pm  Dinner/Reception (for overseas participants)
Hosted by the Embassy of The Kingdom of The Netherlands to Malaysia
Residence of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands,
H.E. Ambassador Paul Bekkers

10 March
Thursday

9:00 am  Welcome Remarks

Hon. Lim Kit Siang, MP (Malaysia)
9:15 am  Session 3

Complementarity and Cooperation: The Two Pillars of Domestic Legislation to Implement the Rome Statute of the ICC

Chair  Mr. Andrew Khoo (Malaysia)
Chair, Human Rights Committee, Bar Council Malaysia

Opening Address  Hon. Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail
The Attorney General of Malaysia

Panelists  Professor Dr. Abdul Ghafur Hamid
Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyyah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia

Mr. Daniel Kooij
ICC Policy Adviser, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands

10.00 am  Open debate

10:30 am  Coffee-break

11:00 am  Session 4: Roundtable Discussion

Common Strategies and Actions to Support the Effectiveness and Universality of the ICC

Chair  Hon. Sen. Dato’ Daljit Singh Dalliwal, MP (Malaysia)

Panelists  Ms. Louisewies van der Laan (The Netherlands)
Chef du Cabinet, Presidency, International Criminal Court
Former MP, Netherlands, and former MEP, European Parliament

Ms. Evelyn Balais-Serrano
Coordinator, Coalition for the International Criminal Court-Asia

Ms. Nilufar Chowdhury Moni, MP (Bangladesh) [TBC]

Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand)

Mr. Peter Barcroft (Ireland) - Rapporteur
Senior Programme Officer, International Law and Human Rights, PGA

Open Discussion

12:00 pm  Concluding Session

[An Action Plan for Parliamentarians to Promote the Universality of the Rome Statute of the ICC in the Asia-Pacific]
Co-Chair     Hon. Kulasegaran, MP

Closing Address

H.E. Senator Tan Sri Abu Zahar Ujang
President of the Senate, Malaysia

13:00 pm    Lunch

End of Program