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**30<sup>TH</sup> PGA ANNUAL FORUM**  
*STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS,  
ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE RULE OF LAW*

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**5<sup>TH</sup> CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PARLIAMENTARIANS**  
*FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC) AND THE RULE OF LAW*

**PROGRAMME**

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9:30 – 10:45am **Opening Session**

*Remarks:* **Sen. Cristina Lizardo** (Dominican Republic), Chair, PGA National Group in the Dom. Rep.  
**Hon. Radhamés Jiménez Peña**, Attorney-General of the Dominican Republic  
**H.E. Mr. Roland Dubertrand**, Ambassador of France to the Dominican Republic *on behalf of* the European Union (EU – French Presidency)  
**Sen. Bassey Ewa-Henshaw** (Nigeria), President of PGA

*Recognitions:* **Mr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo**, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC)  
**H.E. Amb. Albert R. Ramdin**, Adjunct Secretary-General, Organization of American States; Chair, OAS Task Force for Haiti  
**Sen. María Cristina Perceval** (Argentina), Chair, National Defense Committee; PGA Executive Committee Member and Convenor, PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme

*Conclusions:* **H.E. Sen. Reinaldo Pared Pérez** (Dominican Republic), President of the Senate

10:45 – 11:00 am *Coffee Break*

11:00am – 13:00 pm

## **1. Mainstreaming the Rule of Law, Justice and the Fight against Impunity in International Relations and Cooperation: the Role of Parliamentarians**

- A. *From Post-conflict Peacebuilding to Rights-based State-Building: the Rule of Law and justice mechanisms in crisis, conflict and post-conflict situations*
- B. *International Cooperation in support of State-building: review of current and past practices -- The case of Haiti: An assessment of the effectiveness of international intervention in preventing massive migration flows*
- C. *Implementing UN Security Resolution 1325 of 31 October 2000 on women in peace and security*
- D. *Accountability: Shifting from sanctions against States to individual responsibility*
- E. *Enhancing international cooperation among intelligence and security services, law enforcement agencies and other national and international bodies to increase the effectiveness of the fight against international and transnational crimes*

*Panel:* **H.E. Amb. Albert R. Ramdin**, Adjunct Secretary-General, Organization of American States; Chair, OAS Task Force for Haiti

**H.E. Sen. Kelly Bastien** (Haiti), President of the Senate

**Mr. Yasar Yakis, MP** (Turkey), Chair, European Union Integration Committee, Grand Assembly of Turkey; Co-chair, EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

**Ms. Eti Livni** (Israel), Member, International Women's Commission for a Just and Sustainable Palestinian-Israeli Peace; Former Deputy-Speaker of Parliament (Knesset)

**Mr. Osvaldo De Castro, MP** (Portugal), Chair, Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Rights, Freedoms and Guarantees, Parliament of Portugal

**Sen. David Coltart** (Zimbabwe), Legal Secretary, Movement for Democratic Change (MDC)

**Dr. Miguel Pichardo**, Under-Secretary for Legal Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Dominican Republic

*Chair:* **Dip. Minou Tavares Mirabal** (Dominican Rep.), Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee; Member, PGA International Council

*Plenary discussion*

1:15pm – 2:30pm      *Lunch*

2:45pm – 5:45pm

## 2. Investigations and Prosecutions of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

- A. *Investigations and prosecutions of war crimes, crimes against humanity and/or genocide in the Central African Republic, the Democratic Rep. of the Congo, Darfur/Sudan and Northern Uganda*
- B. *Preliminary examinations of the situations in Afghanistan, Chad, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Georgia, Kenya and other situations under the jurisdiction of the Court*
- C. *The role of Parliamentarians in promoting the effectiveness of the Rome Statute system: cooperation of States in the arrest and surrender of suspects and other forms of cooperation with the Court – political support for the new system – maximizing the impact of ICC jurisdiction and intervention to deter new crimes*

*Presenter:*      **Mr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo**, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

*Chair:*      **Dip. Gabriel Ascencio** (Chile), Former Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies; Chair, Sub-Committee on Penitentiary Issues and Justice, Human Rights Committee, Latin American Parliament (Parlatino)

*Questions and Answers*

8:30pm – 11:00pm ***Defender of Democracy Award Dinner (Gala Dinner)***, Hotel *El Embajador*

October 31, 2008

9:15 pm – 10:45 pm

## 3. Promoting the Universality and Effectiveness of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

- A. *The results of the parliamentary campaign for ICC ratification or accession in Bahrain, Chile, Indonesia, Nicaragua, Suriname and others: reports presented by PGA Members*
- B. *The role of Parliamentarians and other stakeholders (e.g. ASEAN, AU, CARICOM, ECOWAS, EU, OAS)*
- C. *The revised Cotonou Agreement between the Africa-Caribbean-Pacific and the European Union (ACP-EU): a critical assessment on mainstreaming the ICC in Development Cooperation*

*Panel:*      **Mr. Salah Ali Abdularahman, MP** (Bahrain), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Speaker of the House of Representatives, and  
**Mr. Khalil Al-Marzooq, MP** (Bahrain), Chair, Legal Affairs Committee  
**Sen. Carlos Cantero** (Chile), Human Rights Committee  
**Mr. Djoko Susilo, MP** (Indonesia), Foreign Affairs Committee  
**Dip. José Bernard Pallais Arana** (Nicaragua), Chair, Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee  
**Mr. Khimlal Devkota, MP** (Nepal), Member, Interim Constitution Drafting Committee, Constituent Assembly of Nepal; lawyer

*Chair:*      **Dr. Ruth Wijdenbosch, MP** (Suriname), Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee; Member, PGA Executive Committee

*Plenary discussion*

10:45 – 11:00 am *Coffee Break*

11:00am – 11:10am *Remarks on behalf of the Organizing Committee*

**Dip. José-Ricardo Taveras** (Dominican Rep.), Chair, Special Committee for the Reform of the Penal Code

11:10am – 13:15pm

**4. Parliamentary contributions to the Implementation of the Rome Statute into National Laws**

- A. *Reforming Penal Codes and other legislation, including the definitions of rape and other gender-violence crimes*
- B. *Ensuring the highest protection for victims and witnesses, including victims of gender-based crimes and sexual violence*
- C. *Reforming laws on cooperation*
- D. *Financing the new system of international criminal justice and the fight against impunity at national level*
- E. *Adopting measures to secure cooperation of States and International Organisations with the ICC*

*Panel:* **Mr. Musa Sirma, MP** (Kenya), Committee on Administration, National Security and Local Authority  
**Dr. Ghassan Moukheiber, MP** (Lebanon), General Rapporteur, Human Rights Committee  
**Ms. Angèle Tabu Makusi, MP** (DR Congo) and **Mr. Emmanuel Adubango Ali, MP** (DR Congo), Member, PGA International Council  
**Mr. Coskun Çörüz, MP** (The Netherlands), Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Justice Committees  
**Hon. Sung Young Joo, MP** (Republic of Korea), Legislation and Justice Committee  
**Dip. Alba Palacios** (Nicaragua), Secretary, Board of the National Assembly, Foreign Affairs Committee  
**Mr. Assoumani Youssouf Mondoha, MP** (Comoros), Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee

*Chair:* **Mr. Cesar Jauregui Robles** (Mexico), former Deputy-Speaker of the Senate; coordinator, Mexican States' Congresses Representatives, PAN

*Plenary discussion*

13:15–14:45pm *Lunch*

14:45–15:45 pm

**5. The Deterrent Effect of the ICC and its Impact on Peace, Stability and Democracy**

- A. *“Justice delayed is justice denied”: ensuring that accountability is part of peace negotiations*
- B. *Potential Deterrent Impact of the ICC in Afghanistan, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, Kenya and Uganda*

*Panel:* **Mr. Jean-Serge Bokassa, MP** (Central African Republic), Foreign Affairs Committee  
**Sen. Jairo Clopatofsky** (Colombia), Vice-Chair, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee  
**Mr. Nicolas Burniat**, Crimes against Humanity Program, Human Rights First (New York)

*Chair:* **Hon. Fatima Nagdee-Hajaig, MP** (South Africa), Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee; Member, PGA International Council

*Plenary discussion*

14:45 –16:45pm

## 6. The Future of International Criminal Justice

- A. *The Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the ICC: defining the crime of aggression in the Rome Statute and the debate on drug trafficking*
- B. *The evolving US position on the ICC and the impact of parliamentary initiatives to protect the integrity of the Rome Statute (in the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa and elsewhere)*

*Panel:* **H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN,

President-elect of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC

**Mr. William Pace**, Convenor, NGO Coalition for the ICC

**Dr. Servio Tulio Castaños** (Dominican Rep.), *Fundación Institucionalidad y Justicia* (FINJUS)

*Chair:* **Sen. Alain Destexhe** (Belgium), Member of PGA Executive Committee

*Plenary discussion*

16:45–17:00 pm *Coffee Break*

17:00–18:15 pm

### **Drafting, Discussion and Adoption of the “Santo Domingo Resolution”** [Outcome Document]

*Chair:* **Sen. Maria Cristina Perceval** (Argentina), Chair, Defense and National Security Committee; Member, PGA Executive Committee

*Rapporteurs:* PGA International Law and Human Rights Programme Team

*Plenary discussion*

18:15–19:30 pm

### **Closing Session: *Strengthening Democratic Institutions, Accountability and the Rule of Law through the universality and effectiveness of the Rome Statute of the ICC***

*Remarks:* **Hon Dip. Julio César Valentín**, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Dominican Republic

20:00 – 23:30

**Dominican Traditional Dinner and Celebration**, *hosted by the Speaker of the Senate of the Dominican Republic*, Museo de las Casas Reales, Historic Center of Santo Domingo

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*For further information on the Programme of the PGA's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum and the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC and the Rule of Law, please contact:*

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