



Parliamentarians for Global Action

The Role of Parliament in the Development of E-commerce and the Internet & Special Parliamentary Session on Counter-Terrorism 23rd Annual Parliamentary Forum

AGENDA

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Venue: Riksdagen, Stockholm, Sweden

January 25-26, 2002

DAY ONE

Registration: 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.

- **Welcoming Remarks**
Mr. Karl-Göran Biörnsmark, MP (Sweden); PGA President
- **Opening Address**
Hon. A. Moyeen Khan, Minister of Information (Bangladesh)
- **Keynote Address**
Dr. Bruno Lanvin, Executive Secretary, Dot.force, The World Bank

Session I: 10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

The Internet: access, power and potential

The objective of this session is to introduce the power and potential of the Internet to delegates and to explore digital divide issues. The Internet can be a force for positive social advancement and economic growth, but it can also be used for negative purposes by supplying dangerous information. Topics covered in this session include: The Internet, a purveyor of information and a tool of communication; how worldwide is the web? – the widening digital divide; current and future developments of the Internet and its impact on civil society; how the Internet is regulated; the dangers of the Internet and initiatives to address these dangers (i.e. hate crime, trafficking).

Chair: *Sen. Longin Pastusiak, President, Senate of Poland*

Speakers:

- *Mr. Alli Balogun, MP, Chair, Science and Technology Committee (Nigeria)*
- *Mr. Staffan Ericksen, Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Science*
- *Mr. Peter Stein, CEO, Stein Brothers AB (Sweden)*

Coffee Break: 11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Session II: 11.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Importance of e-commerce: Managing e-commerce for the benefit of the economy and society

The objective of this session is to introduce e-commerce to the delegates and to explore both the benefits and concerns to government brought about by e-commerce and to identify responsibilities of government toward society and business. Topics that will be covered in this session include: current economic impact and future predictions of e-commerce; technological developments that will impact on e-commerce and society; what governments fear about e-commerce (“the borderless world”); Canada’s proactive approach to e-commerce; creating an environment of trust between business, society and government; the “international rules of the game” and international policy coherence (i.e. taxation); and future challenges for Governments in an e-commerce world.

Chair: *Mr. Suresh A. Keswani, MP (India)*

Speakers:

- *Mr. Lothar Binding, MP, Chair, Finance Committee (Germany)*
- *Dip. Tomas Jocelyn-Holt Letelier (Chile)*
- *Mr. Sergey Glazyev, MP (Russian Federation)*

12.30 p.m. - 1.00 p.m.

- **Address to the Forum**
Hon. Speaker Birgitta Dahl (Sweden)

Luncheon: 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. - Riksdagen

Session III 3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

E-commerce and the business sector: Strategic considerations for government in its approach to e-commerce

The objective of this session is to expose parliamentarians to the challenges of e-commerce on enterprises. Topics to be covered in this session include: “the dot.com flop”, why and what does it mean for e-commerce; e-commerce and its impact on enterprises in developed and developing countries; constraints faced by enterprises; concerns of enterprises; achievements of women; and the potential of business-to-government e-commerce.

Chair: *Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand)*

Speakers:

- *Mr. Mikael von Otter, Chief Executive Officer, GEA (Swedish Alliance for Electronic Commerce)*

- *Mr. Peter Olson, Vice President, Sales & Marketing - Operational Development & Support (Ericsson)*
- *Dip. Marco Ameglio Samudio, MP (Panama)*

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| Session IV: 4.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. |
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E-commerce and civil society: Protecting workers, consumers and political participants

The objective of this session is to debate the impact of e-commerce and e-communication developments on civil society and to identify the positive and negative elements. Topics to be covered in this session include: how e-commerce has benefited civil society to date and in future; concerns of workers (jobs, skills, literacy); consumer protection issues (privacy, consumer rights); concerns for women; Democracy and voting on the internet. In addition, this session will discuss how to responsibly legislate the proliferation of technologies that serve to protect state and security interests, but may violate individual liberties.

Chair: *Sen. John Connor (Ireland)*

Speakers:

- *Minister Britta Lejon, Minister of Democratic Issues, Public Administration and Consumer Policies (Sweden)*
- *Ms. Helena Bargholtz, MP (Sweden)*
- *Ms. Kate Sullivan, Assistant Programme Officer, Electoral System, International IDEA*

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| 6th Annual Defender of Democracy Awards Dinner - 7.00-10.30 p.m. - City Hall for confirmed participants |
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DAY TWO

SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY SESSION ON COUNTER-TERRORISM

ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF TERRORISM

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| Session I: 9.00 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. |
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Keynote Address: “The Globalisation of Rights and Human Development”

- *On. Francesco Rutelli, MP (Italy), Leader of the Opposition*

Conflict Resolution and the Terrorist Threat

PGA’s Task Force on Peace and Democracy facilitates conflict resolution and the prevention of new conflicts through parliamentary diplomacy in Africa, South-Eastern Europe and South Asia. The session will explore methods used to solve and prevent conflicts.

Chair: *Dep. Adrien Sibomana (Burundi)*

Speakers:

- *Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP, Second Deputy-Speaker (Ghana)*
- *Mr. Bulent Akarcali, MP (Turkey)*
- *Dep. Molle Molle, Vice-President of the National Assembly (Cote d’Ivoire)*
- *Mr. K.M. Khan, MP (India)*

Coffee Break: 10.15 a.m. - 10.45 a.m.

Session II: 10.45 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Building sustainable, healthy, thriving communities / Education and Opportunity for Women

PGA's Sustainable Development and Population Program works at the national parliamentary level to fulfil the goals of the International Conference for Population & Development (Cairo, 1994); to implement the concepts of 'human security' and 'human development', thus developing projects aimed at ensuring that the benefits of globalisation reach the poor.

PGA's network of 350 women members work on legislative measures for education and equal opportunity for women through the implementation of the Beijing Platform of Action.

Chair: *Dep. Victoire Ndikumana (Burundi)*

Speakers:

- *Hon. Theresa Ameley Tagoe, MP, Deputy-Minister of Housing and Works (Ghana)*
- *Dep. Oumou Ba Sangare (Mali)*
- *Mrs. Elisavet Papadimitrion, MP (Greece)*

Luncheon for Parliamentarians

12.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. - International IDEA - Strömsborg

LEGAL MEASURES TO COMBAT AND PREVENT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

Session III: 3.00 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.

Strengthening Law Enforcement while Respecting Civil Liberties:

PGA members in their National parliaments are working towards enacting effective measures of law enforcement that do not breach international human rights standards and constitutional norms and principles.

Chair: *Mr. Tony Worthington, MP (United Kingdom)*

Speakers:

- *Sen. A. Raynell Andreychuk, President of the Human Rights Committee (Canada)*
- *Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich (United States)*
- *Dip. Margarita Stolbizer (Argentina)*
- *Dep. Antonio Carlos Pannunzio, Permanent Member, Foreign Relations Committee (Brazil)*

Session IV: 4.15 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Adhering to International Conventions

The PGA Campaigns for the entry into force of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Statute, as well as for treaties on disarmament such as the Comprehensive Test ban Treaty (CTBT), the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), the Chemical Weapons Convention, provide crucial precedents to the anti-terrorism effort. Universal adherence and implementation of these conventions is necessary, as well as the ratification and implementation of Treaties specifically aimed at combating international terrorism.

Chair: *Dr. Maj Britt Theorin, MEP (Sweden)*

Speakers:

- *H.E. Mr. Hans Corell, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Legal Council of the United Nations [through Video-Link from UN Headquarters in New York]*
- *Ambassador Tibor Toth (Hungary), President of the V Review Conference (2001) of the Biological Weapons Convention*

Session V: 5.00 p.m. - 5.45 p.m.

Strengthening Banking and Charity Regulations

PGA members on relevant Parliamentary Committees are working on tightening banking and securities regulations to control and shut off funding-mechanisms for international terrorism.

Chair: *Sen. Anthony Johnson (Jamaica)*

Speakers:

- *Mr. Remo Galli, MP (Switzerland)*
- *Mr. Graham Kelly, Chair, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee (New Zealand)*

Closing Session 6.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

Discussion and Adoption of Parliamentary Declarations

Background of the Section on Legal Measures:

The global fight against terrorism can effectively be conducted on two building blocs:

- (1) international legal standards that can be applied in the international legal system as well as in national ones, and
- (2) international co-operation among law enforcement and intelligence agencies, as well as among financial institutions and the judiciary, to effectively bring to justice those who perpetrated terrorist crimes.

Treaties such as the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (*New York, 9 December 1999*) and the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings (*New York, 15 December 1997*) have not yet entered into force because of the delay in National ratification processes. The lack of clarity in international instruments on the definition of the elements constituting terrorism has been one of the obstacles – even after September 11th – to their universal support from States representing all regions of the world.

Recent events however demonstrated that unilateralist or isolationist approaches to international law are not anymore a viable option.

On the other side, the upcoming entry into force of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Statute may finally provide the International Community with a permanent judicial institution that will apply the rule of law and oblige States to combat impunity for the most serious crimes. In case of widespread or systematic attacks against civilians, the ICC may exercise jurisdiction and stigmatise terrorist acts as crimes against humanity.

Last, but not least, the international regime outlawing biological weapons must be strengthened and brought into line with the one already existing regime against chemical weapons.