



Parliamentarians for Global Action

**PGA Regional Seminars on Strengthening United Nations
Peace Operations – International Parliamentary Input**

AGENDA

Parliament of India, New Delhi
Main Committee Room, Parliament House Annex
March 2-3, 2002

March 2, 2002

9:30-10:00 Registration

10:00 – 11:00 Inauguration:

- ◆ Welcome Address by Hon. Suresh Keswani, MP, (India), Member, PGA International Council
- ◆ Remarks by Hon. Digvijay Singh, Union Minister for Railways (India)
- ◆ Remarks by Hon. Mr. Shivraj Patil, MP, (India), former Speaker of Parliament and Deputy Leader of Opposition.
- ◆ Remarks by Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP, (Ghana) and President, PGA
- ◆ Message from H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General, United Nations to be delivered by Mr. Feodor Starcevic, Director of the UN Information Centre in New Delhi
- ◆ Messages to be read out by Mr. Justice Ranganath Misra, MP, (India) (R. S.)
- ◆ Remarks by Hon. Dr. Moyeen Khan, Minister of Information (Bangladesh)

**11:00 – 1:00 Session I: Report of the Panel on the United Nations Peace Operations
and the subsequent debate**

Chair: Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Canada)

- ◆ Background to the report
- ◆ Report's recommendations
- ◆ Summary of the post-report debate
- ◆ Limits to implementation
- ◆ Regional aspects of the recommendations
- ◆ Current implementation efforts

Panelists :

- Dr. Mukesh Kapila, Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom
- Message from Mr. Jean-Marie Guehenno, Under-Secretary-General, UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations to be delivered by Mr. Feodor Starcevic, Director of the UN Information Centre in New Delhi

Discussion following presentations

1:00 – 14:30 Lunch

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14:30 - 15:30 Session II: Case Studies: Strategies for conflict prevention in the region of interest: Cambodia, East Timor and Afghanistan

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

- ◆ Role of national parliaments in defining, implementing and evaluating strategies for conflict prevention and peacekeeping operations
- ◆ The role of non-state actors (NGOs, media, business, religious actors) and their representation and participation in a coherent strategy for conflict prevention and peacekeeping operations
- ◆ Multilateral support for the UN intervention

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Eduardo Faleiro, MP, (India) and Former Union Minister for External Affairs.

Panelists:

- Mr. Feodor Starcevic, Director of the UN Information Centre in New Delhi, Representative, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), United Nations

15:30-16:30 Women and Peacebuilding

Chair : Justice Ranganath Misra, MP, (India) (R.S.) former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of India, President, PGA India Group

Panelists:

- Ms. Margaret Alva, MP, (India)
- Ms. Dorothy K. Gordon, Deputy UNDP Resident Representative

20:00 Dinner Reception – Hosted by PGA at Taj Mahal Hotel

Day II - March 3, 2002

10:00 – 12:00 Session IV: Institutional improvements in the regional and international system aimed at establishing an effective regime of conflict prevention

Chair : Hon. P. K Maheshwari, MP, (India) (R. S.)

- ◆ Relevant Regional agreements
- ◆ Coordination with the United Nations system
- ◆ Role of international legislators as peacemakers – PGA Task Force and its role in the Lusaka peace process
- ◆ Constraints and contradictions: minimum standards and “double” standards & the international community approach to conflict prevention

Panelists :

- Mr. Kapil Sibal, MP, (India) (R.S.)

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- Mr. Malcom Savidge, MP, (United Kingdom)
 - Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Canada), Executive Committee, PGA

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Session V: Plenary Discussion: the Role of Parliamentarians?

Chair: Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP, (Ghana), President, PGA

- ◆ **Presentation:** by Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, MP, (Ghana), President, PGA on previous PGA Regional Seminars on Strengthening United Nations Peace Operations held in the Parliaments of Ghana and Cairo.
- ◆ **Discussion and Drafting Session with Parliamentarians in Attendance:**
 - ◆ Inter-parliamentary coordination
 - ◆ Partnerships
 - ◆ Plan of Action

* The conference was cut short due to the tragic and untimely death of the Honourable Speaker of the Parliament of India, G.M.C. Balayogi