



## **BANGLADESH BECOMES THE 111TH STATE PARTY TO THE ROME STATUTE OF THE ICC**

### **AN IMPORTANT DAY FOR BANGLADESH, ASIA, THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC) AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY**

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PGA wishes to extend its warmest congratulations to Bangladesh and her people on the occasion of her becoming the 111th State Party to the Rome Statute of the ICC.

As an organization, PGA has been pleased to work with MPs from Bangladesh on a number of different issues in different fora, including within Bangladesh itself just a few years ago.

As the first country in the South Asia sub-region to take this historic step, it is hoped that it will encourage, facilitate and pave the way, for more countries in this under-represented region to follow suit.

PGA also lauds the fact that another country in the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) has become a State Party to the ICC.

PGA has worked with Parliamentarians in Bangladesh for 18 years.

In 2002, several Legislators from Bangladesh came to Delhi, India for important PGA organized consultations on ratification of the Rome Statute of the ICC in South Asia.

Since that time, PGA has encouraged, liaised with and advised its Members in Bangladesh advocating for ratification of the Rome Statute.

In parallel, PGA has also been pleased to work on a regular basis with other stakeholders with the shared wish that ratification of the Rome Statute by Bangladesh would one day become a reality.

PGA looks forward to continuing its long standing cooperation with Parliamentarians in Bangladesh, in particular should a need arise for assistance in connection with full and timely implementation of the Rome Statute into domestic Bangladeshi law.

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