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## Day 1: Thursday, 4 December 2014

9:00–10:30      **OPENING SESSION [\*]**

**Mr. Rachid Talbi El Alami, MP** (Morocco), Speaker, Chamber of Representatives  
**Hon. Dr. Mohamed Cheikh Biadillah** (Morocco), President of the House of Councilors  
**H.E. Mr. El Mostafa Ramid** (Morocco), Minister of Justice, Government of the Kingdom of Morocco  
**Dip. Minou Tavaréz Mirabal, MP** (Dominican Republic), President and Chairperson of the International Council of PGA  
**Me. Mohammed Benabdessadeq, MP** (Morocco), Chair of the PGA National Group in Morocco

*Key-Note speech:* **H.E. Judge Sang Hyun Song**, President of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

*Recognitions:* **M. Abdelilah Benkirane** (Morocco), Head of Government [Prime Minister]  
**M. Habib Choubani** (Morocco), Minister of Relations with Parliament  
**Me. Mohamed Achergui** (Morocco), President of Constitutional Court  
**Me. Mustapha Farès** (Morocco), President of the *Court de Cassation* of Morocco  
**Me. Driss El Yazami** (Morocco), President of the National Commission of Human Rights  
**M. Abdelaziz Benzakour** (Morocco), Wassit Al Mamlaka (*Ombudsperson*)

10:30–10:45      *Coffee Break*

10:45–13:15

### 1. Promoting the Universality and Effectiveness of the Rome Statute System 12 years after its Entry into Force: Challenges for States and International Organizations, and the Role of Parliamentarians

- A. *Status of Universality of the Rome Statute of the ICC, in particular with respect to the “under-represented” regions of the Middle East and North Africa, the Asia-Pacific and the Commonwealth of Independent States*
- B. *Challenges in the ratification of the Rome Statute as revised by the Review Conference in Kampala in 2010: ratification of the Kampala amendments*
- C. *The Role of Parliaments and Individual Parliamentarians in Promoting the new system of International Criminal Justice to better protect Universal Human Rights - Strategies and challenges to attain more ratifications and accessions*

*Panel:*            **Dip. Sigfrido Reyes** (El Salvador), Speaker of the National Assembly; Member, PGA Int. Council  
**Dep. Jean Koffi Kissi, MP** (Togo), Chairperson, Foreign Affairs Committee  
**Mr. Kula Segaran, MP** (Malaysia), Secretary, PGA Malaysia National Group  
**Rep. Fahk el Sheikh Ali, MP** (Iraq), Member, PGA Working Group on the Universality of the Rome Statute of the ICC in MENA  
**Mr. Ramesh Lekhak, MP** (Nepal), Chairperson, PGA National Group

*Chair:*            **Mr. Mark Pritchard, MP** (United Kingdom), Co-Convenor, International Law and Human Rights Programme; Chair, PGA UK National Group

*Plenary discussion*

13:15–14:15      *Lunch Break*

14:00–15:45

## 2. Question-Time on 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, Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic Rep. of the Congo, Darfur/Sudan, Kenya, Libya, Mali and Northern Uganda*
- B. *Preliminary examinations of the situations in Afghanistan, Colombia, Georgia, Guinea, Honduras, Iraq/UK, Nigeria, Ukraine and other possible situations under the jurisdiction of the Court, including the ISIS/ISIL “foreign fighters” who are nationals of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC*
- C. *The role of Parliamentarians in promoting the effectiveness of the Rome Statute system: Political support for the new system and for the arrest and surrender of suspects and full cooperation with the Court – Maximizing the impact of ICC jurisdiction and intervention to deter new crimes*

*Introduction:* **Dep. Mohammed Yatim, MP** (Morocco), 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Speaker, Chamber of Representatives

*Speaker:* **Mr. Phakiso Mochochoko**, Director, Jurisdiction, Complementarity and Cooperation Division (JCCD), Office of the Prosecutor, ICC

*Additional resources:* **Prof. Mohamed Ayat**, Special Advisor on the Middle East and North Africa to the ICC Prosecutor  
**Mr. Rod Rastan**, Legal Advisor, JCCD, Office of the Prosecutor (tbc)

*Moderator:* **Dr. Felipe Michelini, MP** (Uruguay), Member of the Executive Committee Convenor, PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme

*Questions and Answers Parliamentary Session with the Office of the Prosecutor*

15:45–16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:00–17:30

## 3. Strengthening the Rule of Law and the Judicial System through the Effective Application of the Principle of Complementarity (under the Rome Statute)

- A. *Adoption of implementing legislation (on crimes, general principles of law and jurisdiction)*
- B. *Strengthening the ability and will of States to provide reparations, assistance and rehabilitation to victims, in particular for victims of gender-based offenses and sexual violence*
- C. *Reinforcing the availability of human, budgetary and structural resources for the judicial system*
- D. *Promoting independent national investigations, prosecutions and trials for international crimes*
- E. *Role of Parliamentarians in strengthening the Rule of Law*

*Panel:* **Dep. Mariame Traoré, MP** (Côte d'Ivoire)

**Hon. Arnaldo Brown, MP** (Jamaica), Secretary of State, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

**Mr. Ahmed Malhoof, MP** (Maldives), former Attorney General

**Dip. Margarita Stolbizer** (Argentina), Member of PGA Executive Committee

*Chair:* **Dep. Abdelouahed El Ansari** (Morocco), former Deputy Speaker of the Chamber of Representatives

*Plenary discussion*

19:30–22:30 ***Defender of Democracy Award (DDA) 2014 Ceremony and Dinner*** *By invitation only*

*Awardees:* **Hon. Justice Navi Pillay** (South Africa), former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; former President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; former ICC Judge

**Mr. Abdelaziz Bennani** (Morocco), former Vice President of the International Federation of Human Rights, co-founder and President of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network and member of the Equity and Reconciliation Commission (Instance Equité et Réconciliation).

Hosted by the Parliament of Morocco

## Day 2: Friday December 5, 2014

9:00–10:30

### 4. Parliamentary contribution to effective cooperation with the ICC

- A. *Through the adoption of implementing legislation (on cooperation and assistance of States to the Court and on reform of Penal Law/ Code) and the ratification of the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities (APIIC) as well as other agreements with the ICC (enforcement of sentences, witness relocation etc.)*
- B. *Through political mobilization for arrest operations and other actions inducing full cooperation and condemning non-cooperation with the Court*
- C. *Through the mobilization of resources and the functioning of institutions for the effective protection of the rights of the accused and of victims, as well as the protection of witnesses, including their relocation*
- D. *The revised Cotonou Agreement between the Africa-Caribbean-Pacific and the European Union (ACP-EU): a critical assessment on mainstreaming the Fight against Impunity in Development Cooperation*

*Panel:*           **Mr. Aubin Minaku, MP** (DR Congo), Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies (tbc)  
**Sen. Taghreed Hikmet** (Jordan), Former Judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda  
**Dip. Ronny Salas Monge** (Costa Rica), Secretary, Special Committee on Security and Narcotics, Vice President, Commission of Full Legislative Powers  
**Mr. Idrissa Sankaré** (Mali), Committee on Constitutional Laws, Legislation, Justice, Human Rights

*Chair:*           **Mr. Mohamed El Alami** (Morocco), President of the Socialist Group (USFP), Chamber of Councillors

*Plenary discussion*

10:30–10:45      *Coffee Break*

10:45–13:00

### 5. The protection of the integrity of the Rome Statute and the need for an adequate political support for the fight against impunity

- A. *The Role of Parliamentarians in protecting the integrity of the Rome Statute and promoting the fight against impunity: challenges and best practices*
- B. *Reinforcing the role of international and regional organizations in supporting the fight against impunity and in protecting the integrity of the Rome Statute: experiences and relationship between the African Union and the ICC and between the UN Security Council and the ICC*

*Panel:*           **Hon. Justice Navi Pillay** (South Africa), DDA Awardee, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; former President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; former ICC Judge  
**Mr. Stephen Tashobya, MP** (Uganda), Chair, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee; Chair, PGA Uganda National Group; Deputy-Convenor, PGA Int. Law & Human Rights Programme,  
**Sen. Alain Destexhe** (Belgium), former President of PGA  
**Dep. Manuel Garrido** (Argentina), Secretary of the Commission on Human Rights and the Criminal Law Committee; Chair, PGA National Group

*Chair:*           **Ms. Barbara Lochbihler**, MEP (Germany); Chairperson of the “Friends of the ICC” in the European Parliament

*Plenary discussion*

13:15–14:15      *Lunch Break*

14:15–15:45

### 6. Impact of Accountability and the ICC on global threats to Peace, Security, Stability and Democracy: need for expansion and increased visibility of ICC jurisdiction to advance deterrence

- A. *Can accountability and the fight against impunity for the most serious international crimes help prevent the continuation and repetition of armed conflicts and global security threats to stability and democracy?*

- B. *Fighting the threat of the purported Islamic state (“ISIS”) by all available cultural, legal, military and other means: Strategies to isolate and, prospectively, bring to justice the perpetrators of genocide and other mass-atrocity crimes in Iraq and Syria*
- C. *Has there been a “deterrent impact” of the ICC in the countries where it is carrying out investigations, prosecutions and preliminary examinations, as well as in countries that have been warned of a possible intervention of the ICC?*
- D. *Lack of deterrence of the ICC system in cases in which there is a veto within the Security Council to refer the situation to the ICC: The case of Syria – a situation of total impunity and powerlessness of the International Community, which allowed the emergence of a “de facto entity” labelled as “terrorist group” (“ISIS”) that utilizes systematic crimes against humanity and genocide as method to attain and maintain power*
- E. *Ensuring that accountability is part of peace negotiations and a precondition for durable transitions to democracy and the Rule of Law*
- F. *The Role of Parliamentarians in creating/reinforcing awareness, visibility and support for Accountability at the international and national level*

*Panel:* **H.E. Mr. Steven Rapp** (USA), Ambassador-at-large for Global Criminal Justice, Department of State  
**Mr. Marcel Djimassé** (CAR), Chairperson, PGA National Group in the Central African Republic  
**Dr. Ghassan Moukheiber**, MP (Lebanon), General Rapporteur on Human Rights  
**Dip. Loretta Ortiz Ahlf** (Mexico), Secretariat of the Human Rights and External Relations Committees of the Chamber of Deputies

*Chair:* **Dep. Naima Farrah** (Morocco), Chamber of Representatives

*Plenary discussion*

15:45–16:45

## 7. **The Future of International Criminal Justice: Consideration and Discussion of the “Rabat Action Plan for the ICC & the Rule of Law”**

*Panel:* **Me. Mohammed Benabdessadeq, MP** (Morocco), Chair, PGA Morocco National Group  
**Dep. Lia Quartapelle** (Italy), Chair, PGA Italy National Group (*Host of the 7<sup>th</sup> CAP-ICC and 34<sup>th</sup> PGA Annual Forum, Rome, December 2012*)  
**Dr. Ruth Wijdenbosch, MP** (Suriname), Deputy Speaker; Member of the Executive Committee, Deputy Convenor, PGA International Law and Human Rights Programme

*Chair:* **Dip. Minou Tavaréz Mirabal** (Dominican Rep.), President of PGA

*Rapporteurs:* PGA Secretary General/PGA International Law and Human Rights Programme Staff

*Plenary discussion and Deliberations*

16:45–17:00

## **CLOSING SESSION: Strengthening Democratic Institutions, Accountability and the Rule of Law through the Universality and Effectiveness of the Rome Statute of the ICC System**

*Remarks:* **Dep. Abderrahim Atmoun** (Morocco), Chair, Joint Parliamentary Committee Morocco-EU  
**Dep. Dr. Felipe Micheline** (Uruguay), Member of the Executive Committee, Convenor, PGA International Law and Human Rights Programme

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