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The Role of Parliaments in Criminalizing Illegal and Aggressive War-Making

Organized on the margins of the 4th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament

Co-hosts: Mission of Liechtenstein, Global Institute for the Prevention of
Aggression, Parliamentarians for Global Action

Venue: United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 7

Date: 1 September 2015

Time: 1:15 to 2:30 pm

I. Objectives

Background:

At the 2010 Review Conference of the International Criminal Court (ICC) States Parties, by consensus, adopted Amendments to the Rome Statute that define the Crime of Aggression and outline the jurisdictional regime of the Court over this crime. At present, 23 States Parties to the Rome Statute have ratified the amendments – 30 ratifications are needed to activate the Court's jurisdiction over this crime.

Against this background, the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations together with Parliamentarians for Global Action and the Global Institute on the Prevention of Aggression will organize a Side-Event during the 4th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament: *The Role of Parliaments in Criminalizing Illegal and Aggressive War Making*, which will take place at United Nations Headquarters in Conference Room 7 on Tuesday 1 September 2015 at 1:15 pm.

Objectives:

- Reinforce the rule of law and the prohibition and criminalization of the illegal use of force by promoting universal participation in the ICC system, based upon the amended Rome Statute, and its effective national implementation.
- Generate awareness and understanding of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression, focusing in particular on their part in supporting the prohibition of the use of force, a principle which underpins the Charter of the United Nations.
- Increase political will towards new ratifications of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression, highlighting in particular the benefits for small and medium States.
- Generate political support for the Assembly of States Parties' one-time decision to activate the Court's jurisdiction over the crime of aggression.

II Methodology

Participants, including Speakers of Members of Parliament and other parliamentarians, will have the opportunity to hear from experts on the political, legal and strategic aspects of the crime of aggression amendments. Having had the benefit of commentaries from Speakers and Members of Parliament from different regions of the world, participants would have the opportunity to speak about the status of the ratification of the Kampala Amendment in their respective countries as well as to raise any questions that they might have.

III. Program

1:15pm Introduction

Welcoming remarks by the Chair, **H.E. Albert Frick**, President of the Liechtenstein Parliament

1:20pm Panel of Experts

Mr. Benjamin Ferencz, Prosecutor in the Nuremberg Trials (video message)

Dr. Felipe Michellini, Member of the Truth and Justice Commission, Uruguay; Former Member, Chamber of Deputies, Uruguay; Former Board Member, Parliamentarians for Global Action

Mr. Stefan Barriga, Deputy Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations

1:45pm Commentaries from Speakers of Parliament:

Hon. Gladys Kokorwe, Speaker of the Parliament of Botswana [TBC]

Hon. Rafael Ortiz Fabrega, Speaker of the Parliament of Costa Rica [TBC]

H.E. Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Vice-President of the Parliament of the European Parliament [TBC]

Hon. Moustapha Niasse, Speaker of the Parliament of Senegal [TBC]

H.E. Lord Tu'ivakano, Speaker of the Parliament of Tonga

2:15pm *Q & A Session*

2.40pm Conclusions

Remarks by the Rapporteur **Mark Pritchard, MP** (UK House of Commons), Chair of the PGA UK National Group

Concluding Remarks by **Dip. Minou Tavarez Mirabal** (Dominican Republic), President of Parliamentarians for Global Action

2.45pm End of the meeting

For more information regarding the programme, format and goals of the Strategy Meetings, please contact Ms. Romina Morello, Programme Officer, International Law & Human Rights, PGA: romina.morello@pgaction.org.