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New York
August 15, 2007

H.E. Mr. Christian Mejdahl
President
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Dear President Mejdahl,

We have the honour of writing this letter on behalf of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) to invite an official Delegation of Parliamentarians from Denmark to the **29th PGA Annual Forum**. The Forum will take place in the Nigerian Parliament in Abuja, Nigeria from November 12-13, 2007 and will be graciously hosted by the PGA Nigeria National Parliamentary Group.

Founded thirty years ago, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) is an organization which mobilizes parliamentarians to realize the goals of peace, democracy, the rule of law, and sustainable development. The organization currently consists of a network of over 1,300 legislators from 112 countries, drawn from all regions of the world.

The Annual Forum is the focal point of PGA's yearly activities, and this year's theme of *Poverty and Unemployment: The Root Causes of Migration* reflects the vocation of PGA to address issues of international concern that no single country alone may be able to effectively tackle and resolve. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan stated in 2006 that "All countries – whether countries of origin, transit or destination – are affected by international migration. Managing this migration for the benefit of all has become one of the great challenges of our age." Migration can both cause and be caused by poverty and unemployment. Likewise, poverty can be alleviated as well as exacerbated by population flows. While generalizations cannot be readily made, it is probable that the impact of migration on poverty, and of poverty on migration, varies by level of development of the area under consideration. In some parts of the world and under certain conditions, poverty may be a root cause of migration, whereas in other countries, under different conditions, the poor will frequently be the last to move. Similarly, in some areas, migration may be an escape route out of poverty while in others it contributes to an extension of poverty.

As an international organization, PGA has involved itself increasingly in the area of international migration and development, in particular over the past 2 years. The 27th Annual Forum in Dublin, Ireland focussed specifically on *Migration, Immigration & Integration*. PGA also participated in the *High Level Dialogue on Migration and International Development* at the United Nations in September 2006 and the aforementioned theme of

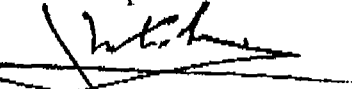
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the upcoming 29th PGA Annual Forum in Nigeria in November 2007 is a testimony to the priority we attaches to this area of global concern.

The 29th Annual Forum is inviting members of approximately 100 Parliaments from around the world, as well as select governmental and inter-governmental officials, civil society representatives and academics to contribute to this uniquely important gathering.

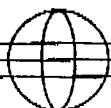
We therefore look forward to the participation of an official Parliamentary Delegation from Denmark in this important international conference, which it is hoped will lead to a greater parliamentary mobilization to address the complex and multifaceted challenges resulting from contemporary trans-national migration flows. A concrete Plan of Action will be adopted by the Participants at the conclusion to the Annual Forum to ensure that momentum generated by the Forum is harnessed into actual follow-on initiatives/activities by the Participants upon return to their respective Parliaments. I would kindly ask that you notify the PGA Secretariat in New York [Mr. Brian Kett (Executive Officer) at brian.kett@pgaction.org] ***before September 15, 2007*** to confirm the participation of an official Delegation from the Parliament of Denmark in PGA's 29th Annual Forum.

Please accept the assurances of our highest esteem and consideration.


Senator Alain Destexhe (Belgium)
President, PGA


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29TH ANNUAL PARLIAMENTARY FORUM
ECOWAS Secretariat Main Hall - Abuja, Nigeria

NOVEMBER 12TH-13TH, 2007

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PLEASE INDICATE BELOW YOUR RESPONSE:

29th Annual Parliamentary Forum on *Poverty & Unemployment*: Nov. 12-13, 2007, Abuja, Nigeria

YES, I (OR MEMBERS OF MY PARLIAMENT) WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND

NO, I REGRET I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND

*Defender of Democracy Award Dinner, Nov. 12, 2007

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND

NO, I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND

*Dietary Restrictions: No pork Vegetarian No fish Other: _____