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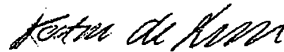
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Vedlagt fremsendes invitation til *Forum of the Parliamentarians for Global Action* d. 30.-31. oktober 2008 i Santo Domingo, der ligeledes tidligere er fremsendt af kontorchef Thomas Winkler pr. e-mail.

Med venlig hilsen



Katrine Rosenkrantz de Lasson

Note ved omdeling i Retsudvalget

Hvis der er udvalgsmedlemmer, der er interesseret i at deltage i konferencen, bedes dette meddelt udvalgssekretariatet med henblik på evt. drøftelse på et udvalgs møde.



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Honorable Mr President:

On behalf the National Congress of the Dominican Republic, we have the high honour to invite an official Delegation of Members of Parliament from Denmark to the *30th Annual Forum of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) on Strengthening Democratic Institutions, Accountability and the Rule Law* and the *5th Session of the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court*. This international conference will be hosted by the Parliament of the Dominican Republic in Santo Domingo from 30-31 October, 2008.

Founded thirty years ago, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) is an organization which mobilizes parliamentarians to realize the goals of peace, democracy, justice, human rights and sustainable development. The organization currently consists of a network of over 1,300 legislators from 117 countries, drawn from all regions of the world.

The Annual Forum is the focal point of PGA's yearly activities to address issues of international concern that no single country alone may be able to effectively tackle and resolve. The Annual Forum will coincide this year with the 5th Session of the *Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (CAP-ICC) & the Rule of Law*, the first and, to this day, only global gathering of Legislators devoted exclusively to the advancement of international justice.

For nearly 20 years, PGA has vigorously promoted the establishment and effective operation of an independent and universal international Court to prevent and punish the most serious crimes that shock the conscience of human-kind: genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. It has been during this time that PGA has observed the powerful and beneficial spill-over effect of enforcing international justice and how this in turn facilitates the strengthening of democratic institutions and promotes greater accountability in many dimensions and different layers of national life. In order to enhance further this important catalytic effect and identify the means by which Parliamentarians can transpose to other areas of concern the principle of *equality of all before law* and the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes, the 30th PGA Annual Forum and 5th CAP-ICC is inviting Members from over 100 Parliaments world-wide to participate, as well as selected representatives and experts from International Organizations, Governments, civil society and academia, who will each individually make important contributions to this uniquely important occasion.

We look forward, therefore, to the participation of a Parliamentary Delegation from «Country or Region» in this Conference which we hope, will lead to greater parliamentary mobilization to clarify and better address the complex and multifaceted challenges to democracy, justice and accountability under the Rule of Law. A concrete Plan of Action will be adopted by the Participants at the conclusion of the Annual Forum to ensure that

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momentum generated by the Forum is harnessed into actual follow-on initiatives/activities by the Participants upon return to their respective Parliaments and Countries.

I would kindly ask that you communicate, in English, French or Spanish, with the Head of the Coordination Committee, Ms. Ana Cecilia Pimentel in Santo Domingo foropga.sd@gmail.com y fax (809) 532-3016, and Mr. Brian Kett (Executive Officer, PGA) in New York at brian.kett@pgaction.org before September 30, 2008 to confirm the participation of a Delegation from the Parliament of your country in PGA's 30th Annual Forum and 5th Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC and the Rule of Law.

Please accept the assurances of our highest esteem and consideration.

[Signatures]

Reinaldo Pared Pérez
The President of the DR Senate

Julio César Valentín
The President of the DR Chamber of Deputies

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