April 12, 2010

Hon. Thor Pedersen
President of the Danish Parliament
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Your Excellency,

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 **PGA's 32nd Annual Forum.** The Forum will take place in Istanbul, Turkey from October 23-24, 2010.

The Annual Forum is the focal point of PGA's yearly activities, and this year's theme on **Empowering Women --Building Human Security** will address the nature of women's role in human security with the three pillars of human security - the security of survival, livelihood and dignity - serving as the focal points of the framework of the Forum. Improved access of women to health care, women's socio-economic empowerment, as well as educational empowerment will be discussed and deliberated upon. With regard to education, educational attainment and literacy rates of girls and women will also be central thematic areas of discussion. The Forum will further provide information on gender equality legislation, relevant international conventions, and multilateral agreements while allowing participants to share their own country experiences with their peers.

A concrete plan of action will be adopted by the participants at the conclusion of the Forum to ensure that momentum generated by this event is harnessed into actual follow-up initiatives/activities by the participants upon return to their respective parliaments and countries.

As an important side event, and since 1996, PGA has held its annual *Defender of Democracy Awards* in conjunction with its Annual Parliamentary Forum. The Defender of Democracy Award is presented to individuals who, through their own commitment and active engagement, have made significant progress in strengthening democracy and democratic practices. As part of PGA's 32nd Annual Forum, PGA will also host the 15th Annual Defender of Democracy Awards Dinner on the evening of October 23rd.

We would kindly ask that you submit the enclosed registration form with the names of the Members of your Delegation to the Forum to PGA's Secretariat in New York [at <u>AnnualForumRSVP@pgaction.org</u>] <u>before July 1, 2010</u> to confirm their participation in PGA's 32nd Annual Forum.

Please accept the assurances of our highest esteem and consideration.

Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw

President

Parliamentarians for Global Action

Hon. Güldal Akşit, MP

Chair of the Committee on Equality of Opportunity for Women and Men

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PGA'S 32ND ANNUAL FORUM:

Empowering Women – Building Human Security
Istanbul, Turkey
OCTOBER 23-24, 2010

Return to:

PGA Secretariat (New York)

Fax: 1-212-687-8409

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN BY July 1, 2010

Name: (Title, First, Last)	
Position/Committee Affiliation:	
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Staff Assistant:	
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PLEASE INDICATE BELOW YOUR RESPONSE:	
PGA's Defender of Democracy Awards l October 23, 2010 YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND NO, I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND	Dinner:
PGA's 32 nd Annual Forum; Empowering I Istanbul, Turkey October 23-24, 2010	Women – Building Human Security
□ YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND □ NO, I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND	

□Other:

Dietary Restrictions: □ No pork □ Vegetarian □No fish