

PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA



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6^{TH} Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) & the Rule of Law

Parliament of Uganda, Kampala – May 27-28, 2010

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Hon. Thor Pedersen, MP President of the Danish Parliament Parliament of Denmark

Honourable Speaker,

We are pleased to write to you today to invite you and a Delegation that we would ask you to convene from your Parliament to attend and participate in the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the Rule of Law, Sixth session, which will take place in the Parliament of Uganda in Kampala from 27-28 May, 2010 and will be organised by Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA).

The Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC and the Rule of Law is the only global gathering of legislators focused solely on the international justice and the Rule of Law. A project of the PGA Parliamentary Campaign for the Effectiveness and Universality of the Rome Statute of the ICC, its meetings represent a unique opportunity for legislators from all continents of the world to discuss and define strategies to advance strategic goals mobilizing in support of the fight against impunity and the prevention of the most serious crimes of international concern, namely genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression.

The first five sessions of the *Consultative Assembly* were held in Ottawa, Canada (2002), New York, United Nations (2003), Wellington, New Zealand (2004), Tokyo, Japan (2006) and Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (2008). The debates and deliberations of these sessions have subsequently informed and inspired key initiatives and activities of several hundred lawmakers from around the world on crucial justice and human rights' issues, building their capacity and motivation to mobilize political will. The Sixth session of The *Consultative Assembly* will not only mark the first time that this event occurs in Africa, but will also act as an important prelude and backdrop to the first Review Conference of the Rome Statute that will start on 31 May 2010, also in Kampala. As such the *Consultative Assembly* will be able to provide substantial and considered input into the proceedings of the Review Conference itself, an intergovernmental gathering convened by the Secretary General of the United Nations, who will open its proceedings in tandem with the President of Uganda.

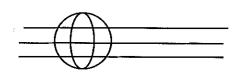
Further and more extensive information on the *Consultative Assembly* and on the role that Parliamentarians can play at the Review Conference may be accessed on the PGA website at www.pgaction.org/CAPVI.html.

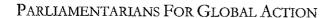
We would be most grateful if you could inform us of the composition of the Delegation from your Parliament, preferably prior to April 25, 2010, through the completion and transmission of the enclosed registration form.

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of our highest esteem and consideration.

The RT. Hon. Edward Ssekandi Kiwanuka, MP Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda

Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw (Nigeria) President, Parliamentarians for Global Action







6TH CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC) & THE RULE OF LAW

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27 & 28 May 2010

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PREFERABLY BY 30 APRIL 2010

Date: Name: (Title, First, LAST)			
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	French	Spanish	

PLEASE INDICATE BELOW YOUR RESPONSE:

6h Consultative Assembly, 27-28 May 2010, Parliament of Uganda, Kampala

- □ YES, I (or Members of my Parliament) WILL ATTEND
- □ NO, I REGRET I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND

*Dietary Restrictions:	□ No pork	□ Vegetarian	□No fish	□Other:
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N.B.: For further information, please consult also: www.pgaction.org/CAPVI.html and, regarding the Kampala Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the ICC, www.icc-cpi.int/Menus/ASP/ReviewConference

VENUE OF THE 6TH CAP-ICC:

Parliament House, Kampala

LANGUAGES:

English, French, Spanish and Arabic

HOTEL:

Negotiated special rates for some of the best Hotels in Kampala are available to all parliamentarians and participants. To learn about the rates, benefit from them, or to proceed with your own reservation please contact the organizers.

VISAS:

For Visa information please consult the Embassy of Uganda in your country or the organizers.

Please note that the countries whose nationals do not require a visa include: Members of COMESA: Angola, Burundi, Comoros, Eritrea, Kenya, Malawi Mauritius, Madagascar, Rwanda, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Others exempted are: Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Fiji, Gambia, Grenada, Jamaica, Lesotho, Malta, Sierra Leone, Singapore Solomon Islands St Vincent & the Grenadines, Tonga, Vanuatu, Italy (Only diplomatic passport holders) and Cyprus.

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ENTEBBE (EBB):

The Protocol office of the Parliament will arrange the transfer to and from the airport upon receipt of relevant travel itineraries, to be transmitted in due time to the PGA Secretariat.

MEALS:

Breakfast will be included in hotel fare. Working lunches on May 27 and 28 will be provided by the organizers.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMME OUTLINE:

Wednesday, May 26, 2010:

All Day: Arri

Arrival of Participants and Welcome at Entebbe International Airport

20:00 - 21:00 Informal Gathering and Welcome Drinks at the Bar of the Hotel

Thursday, May 27, 2010

9:30 - 10:45 I Opening Session: Promoting the Universality and Effectiveness of the Rome Statute system

11:00 – 13:00 II: Mainstreaming the Rule of Law in Development Cooperation and using the "ICC process" as a catalyst for Law Reforms

14:45 – 16:00 III Hearing with the ICC Prosecutor. Maximising the Impact of the ICC and Ensuring Effective Cooperation in the fight against impunity, including through the enforcement of Arrest Warrants

16:15 – 17:45 IV: The Role of Parliamentarians in advancing the Deterrent Effect of the Rome Statute system and its Impact on Peace, Democracy and Human Rights

Friday, May 28, 2010

 $\underline{9:30-10:45}$ V: The parliamentary contribution to the effective implementation of the Rome Statute

11:00 - 13:00 VI: The role of Parliamentarians in adopting legislation to protect the rights of victims, including women and children

14:45 - 16:00 VII: The Kampala Review Conference and the future of International Criminal Justice

16:15 - 17:45 VIII Closing Session with the President of the ICC: Towards an Action Plan of Parliamentarians for the ICC & the Rule of Law for 2010-12

Saturday, May 29, 2010

10:00 - 16.00 Social Programmes (Visit to the Sources of the Nile)