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Honorable President of Parliament

Honorable President,

On behalf of the National Assembly of Cape Verde and Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), we are honoured to invite you and/or a delegation from your Parliament to the 41st Annual Forum of PGA on “*The Role of Parliamentarians in the implementation of United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 16 and 14: Promoting democratic renewal and inclusion, safeguarding human rights, and protecting the oceans*”, to be held on 21-22 November 2019, in Praia, at the Parliament of Cape Verde.

The first thematic pillar of PGA’s 41st Annual Forum will serve to discuss and develop a new global parliamentary *Campaign on Democratic Renewal and Human Rights*, which is aimed at protecting, maintaining and strengthening democratic norms, institutions and civil & political space, as well as the fundamental rights of legislators.

The second pillar of the Forum will implement the objectives of the PGA *Campaign on Protecting the Oceans*, a partnership with the Pew Charitable Trusts, including: (i) increasing the level of attention and global action to end Illegal, Under-reported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing; (ii) promoting the global ratification and implementation of relevant international treaties, (iii) fighting impunity for human rights violations committed in the oceans, and (iv) supporting Small Scale Fisheries (SSF) or indigenous fisheries as a path towards sustainable human development.

The Praia Forum is hosted by the Speaker of Parliament, receives the institutional patronage of the Cape Verdean Parliament, the cooperation of the Cape Verdean Government and it is organized by Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), the largest parliamentary network with membership of 1,400 individual Lawmakers in 142 countries.

On the occasion of the Forum, we would be delighted to invite you & the Parliamentarians of your delegation to the Defender of Democracy Award’s (DDA) ceremony & dinner, to be held in the evening of 21 November 2019 with the aim of rewarding two personalities whose work has been crucial to the promotion and protection of human rights, peace and the Rule of Law in the world.

We sincerely look forward to meeting you in Praia and working together towards the realisation of PGA’s vision, namely, “*to contribute to the creation of a Rules-Based International Order for a more equitable, safe and democratic world*”.

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

Margareta Cederfelt

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