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Dr. David Donat Cattin

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30 April 2015

H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson

Deputy Secretary-General

United Nations

New York, USA

Dear Mr. Deputy Secretary-General,

On behalf of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), we are pleased and honored to invite you to deliver the keynote address to a high-level audience consisting of Members of Parliament from all regions of the world, at the **PGA Roundtable Discussion and Strategy Meeting on the Election of the Next UN Secretary-General**. This meeting will take place on June 1st, 2015 on the premises of the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN, 633 Third Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, at 9:30 am.

PGA is a non-governmental, non-partisan international network of elected legislators with over 1,100 members in 142 parliaments around the world. PGA informs and mobilizes parliamentarians to advocate for human rights and the rule of law, human security, democracy, non-discrimination and gender equality. The vision of PGA is "to contribute to the creation of a Rules-Based International Order for a more equitable, safe and democratic world." This meeting aims to sensitize Legislators from all regions of the world on the correlation between the role of the Secretary-General and the notions of peace and security worldwide. Exchanges between all relevant stakeholders will create awareness building, cooperation, and strong partnerships, in order to, inter alia, find a formal set of criteria and qualifications that will be the attributes of the next Secretary-General.

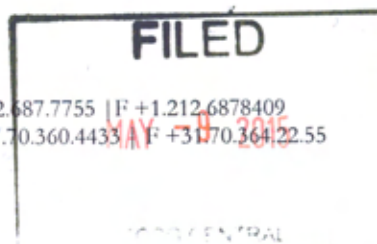
Due to your leadership role within the United Nations System and your unique expertise and experience in the field, we would be much honored if you could find the time to address legislators from around the world on this important issue regarding the future of the UN System. The PGA Senior Programme Officer Ms. Leyla Nikjou (Leyla.nikjou@pgaction.org) is much looking forward to hearing from you, your Excellency, regarding your availability to give a keynote address. We certainly understand if your schedule does not allow you to stay during the entire meeting and are grateful if you are able to join for your keynote address.

Please accept, Mr. Deputy Secretary-General, the assurances of our highest esteem and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. David Donat Cattin
Secretary-General
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**PGA High-Level Roundtable Discussion and Strategy Meeting on the
1 for 7 Billion Campaign**

Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations
633 Third Avenue, 27th Floor, New York

June 1st, 2015 from 9:30 to 12:30pm

Followed by a light luncheon

*Draft Program and List of Participants
As of April 24, 2015*

I. Objectives

According to PGA's vision *to contribute to the creation of a rules-based international order for a more equitable, safe and democratic world*, its over 1,100 member parliamentarians around the world are also deeply committed to an open, transparent, accountable and effective United Nations. In line with PGA's ICC Campaign, PGA also believes that a more transparent and merit-based procedure for the selection of the new UNSG can help to ensure that the next UNSG has a strong understanding and personal commitment for the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes of international concern. Therefore, the specific objectives of this meeting are:

1. Sensitization of Legislators from all regions of the world on the relationship between a highly competent Secretary-General and peace and security worldwide
2. To create an opportunity for dialogue, awareness-building, cooperation and partnership among all relevant stakeholders
3. Sharing of the formal set of criteria and qualifications developed and suggested to the UN for the search of the next UNSG.

II. Expected Outcomes

1. Increased understanding and awareness among legislators about the UN system, including understanding and awareness of the strategic potential for increased involvement of Members of Parliaments as representatives of civil society at the UN
2. Country-specific impact of the concrete actions by MPs at national (or regional) level to encourage and generate their Governments' leadership to bring their best possible candidates forward for the position as Secretary General
3. Identification of concrete strategies and follow-up actions for Parliamentarians to increase and maximize the potential of cooperation between the UN and parliaments worldwide.
4. Ensure through parliamentary advocacy that governments from all regions bring forward their best female and male candidates to be presented to the UNSC as possible next UNSG and call for an open and transparent selection process.

III. Program

9:30am **Introduction**

Welcoming remarks by the **Chair of the PGA UN Committee Amb. Christian Wenaweser**, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations

9:40am **Keynote Address:** **Mr. Jan Eliasson**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations [to be confirmed]

10:00am ***Q & A Session with the Deputy Secretary-General of the UN***

10:15am **Strategic Session with UN Experts and Leaders of the “1 for 7 Billion Campaign”**

- **Mr. Bill Pace**, Executive Director, World Federalist Movement and Convenor of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court
- **H.E. Amb. Mr. Juan Carlos Mendoza García**, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN (Facilitator Action for Cooperation against Trafficking in Persons/1for7 Billion)
- **Professor José Enrique Alvarez**, Herbert and Rose Rubin Professor of International Law, New York University School of Law
- **Ms. Yvonne Terlingen**, Institute for Global Policy, Former Head of Amnesty International's United Nations Office
- **Mr. Tomas Anker Christensen**, Chef de Cabinet to Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, MP Denmark, PGA Member and incoming President of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly

10:45am **Coffee Break/Networking with friends and partners of PGA**

11:00am **Debate and proposals for parliamentary action within the framework of the “1 for 7 Billion Campaign”**

Open Discussion among all participants chaired by **Dip. Minou Tavaréz Mirabal**, PGA President

12:30pm **End of the meeting, a light luncheon will be served**

IV. Invited Participants

Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Prof. José Enrique Alvarez, Herbert and Rose Rubin Professor of International Law, New York University School of Law

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Hon. Dr. Pindi Chana, MP, Tanzania; Deputy Minister of Community Development, Gender and Children; Chair of the PGA International Council

Dip. Margarita Stolbizer, Argentina, Programme Co-Convenor, Peace and Democracy

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Selected Participants from Civil Society

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Mr. Bill Pace, Executive Director, World Federalist Movement and Convenor of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court

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MISSION STATEMENT OF PGA

VISION

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STRATEGY

PGA brings together parliamentarians with key stakeholders, including civil society and international organizations, across sectors; equips legislators with relevant knowledge and expertise; and achieves immediate impact and longer-term national implementation on programs and initiatives in support of the mission.

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- Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN
- U.K Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- U.S. State Department Global Equality Fund

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- Open Society Foundations

For more information regarding the programme, format and goals of the Strategy Meetings, please contact Ms. Leyla Nikjou, PGA Senior Programme Officer ILHR Programme, T. +1.212.687.7755 (ext. 104) leyla.nikjou@pgaction.org



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Please find attached, with the invitation letter, a tentative agenda and kindly inform Ms. Leyla Nikjou at leyla.nikjou@pgaction.org about your availability to give a keynote address at the opening of the meeting.

We would be more than honoured to welcome you.

Yours sincerely,

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