



## CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT AND THE RULE OF LAW, 8<sup>TH</sup> SESSION 4-5 December 2014 Parliament, Rabat, Morocco

Honourable President.

It is our distinct honour to invite you and a delegation of your Parliament to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the *Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the Rule of Law*, which will take place in **the Parliament of Morocco** in Rabat from 4-5 December, 2014. The *Consultative Assembly* is organized by Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), an NGO affiliated to the United Nations supported by over 1,100 Members of Parliament elected in 140 countries, striving to promote peace, democracy, the rule of law, human rights and sustainable development.

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. Its meetings represent a unique opportunity for Lawmakers from all regions of the world to discuss and define strategies on, and mobilize in support for, the fight against impunity and the prevention of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole, i.e. genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

The first seven sessions of the *Consultative Assembly* were held in Ottawa, Canada (2002), New York, United Nations (2003), Wellington, New Zealand (2004), Tokyo, Japan (2006), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (2008), Kampala, Uganda (2010) and Rome, Italy (2012). Their respective deliberations have subsequently informed and inspired key initiatives and activities of several hundred Lawmakers from around the world on crucial justice and human rights' issues. The 2104 *Consultative Assembly*, which will coincide with the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Parliamentary Forum of PGA, will not only mark its first session held in an Arab country, but will also represent the main international parliamentary event on the ICC, the treaty that established the new permanent system of international criminal justice since 2002.

We would be honoured to benefit from your participation in this event, which will most certainly contribute to its success. We would therefore be most grateful if you could inform us of the composition of the Delegation from your Parliament, preferably prior to September 10, 2014, through the completion and transmission of the enclosed registration form.

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

H.E. M. Rachid Talbi EL Alami, MP Speaker, House of Representatives

of Morocco

H.E. M. Mohamed Cheikh Biadillah, MP President, House of Councillors

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Mr. H:V. Ross Robertson, MP (Assistant Speaker, NZ) President, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)