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**30TH PGA ANNUAL PARLIAMENTARY FORUM ON STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE RULE OF LAW**
**5TH CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
CRIMINAL COURT (ICC) & THE RULE OF LAW**
National Congress of the Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo
30 & 31 OCTOBER 2008

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PLEASE INDICATE BELOW YOUR RESPONSE:

30th Annual Forum & 5th Consultative Assembly, Oct. 30-31, 2008, *Dominican Rep. Congress, Santo Domingo*

YES, I (or Members of my Parliament) WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND

NO, I REGRET I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND

*Defender of Democracy Award Dinner Gala, Oct. 30, 2008, *Hotel Occidental El Embajador, Santo Domingo*

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND

NO, I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND

*Dietary Restrictions: No pork Vegetarian No fish Other:

PGA 30th Annual Forum & V CAP-ICC, 30&31 October 2008, Santo Domingo

Please consult also: <http://www.pga-xxxforum-icc.com.do/>

2008 PGA ANNUAL FORUM VENUE:

National Assembly of the Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo

LANGUAGES:

Languages of the 2008 PGA Annual Forum & CAP ICC will be Arabic, English, French and Spanish

HOTEL:

Participants will stay at the *Hotel Occidental El Embajador, Santo Domingo*.

Negotiated special rates are available to all parliamentarians and participants. To learn about the rates, benefit from them, or proceed with your reservation please contact the organizers.

VISAS

For Visa information please consult the Website of the 2008 Forum <http://www.pga-xxxforum-icc.com.do/>, or the organizers.

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LAS AMERICAS (SDQ)

The Protocol office of the Congress will arrange the transfer to and from the airport.

MEALS:

Breakfast is included in hotel fare. All meals on October 30 and 31, and breakfast and lunch of November 1 will be provided by the organizers.

DEFENDER OF DEMOCRACY AWARD:

Since 1996, PGA has held its annual Defender of Democracy Awards in conjunction with its Annual Parliamentary Fora. The Defender of Democracy Award honors those individuals who have defended the principles of democracy, peace and justice around the world.

ACTIVITIES PROGRAM:

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

9:00 – 18:00 **Registration**

19:00 – 20:00 **Welcome Cocktail, Hotel El Embajador**

Thursday, October 30, 2008

9:30 – 10:30 **Opening Session: Strengthening Democratic Institutions, Accountability and the Rule of Law**

10:45 – 12:45 **II: Mainstreaming the Rule of Law in Development Cooperation**

14:45 – 16:00 **III: Promoting the Universality and Effectiveness of the ICC**

16:30 – 18:30 **IV: The parliamentary contribution to the implementation of the Rome Statute**

20:30 **Defender of Democracy Award Dinner Gala, Keynote Address by Award Recipient**

Friday, October 31, 2008

9:00 – 10:45 **V: The Deterrent Effect of the ICC and its Impact on Peace and Democracy₂**

11:00 – 13:00 **VI: The Deterrent Effect of the ICC and the role of Parliamentarians**

14:45 – 16:30 **VII: The future of International Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law**

16:45 – 18:00 **An Action Plan of Parliamentarians for the ICC and the Rule of Law for 2009-10**

18:00 – 19:00 **Closing Session:**

20:30 – 23:30 **Dominican Traditional Dinner and Celebration**

Saturday, November 1, 2008

10:00 – 12.00 **Tour of Santo Domingo**

Afternoon: **Meeting of the International Council of PGA open to PGA members/Departure of Participants**