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PARLIAMENT'S ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING UNGASS

(Presented by GOPAC on behalf of the GOPAC Chair, H.E. Dr. Ali bin Fetais Al Marri.)

The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption successfully held a panel side-event during the UN General Assembly Against Corruption on Wednesday, 2 June 2021, focused on implementing UNGASS.

As UNGASS was tasked with agreeing on a concise and action-oriented political declaration, to implement key recommendations in the declaration, engagement with parliamentarians, who play a key legislative and oversight role, in progressing anti-corruption best practices and policy is required. We urge States Parties to fully engage parliamentarians in ongoing implementation of the UNGASS declaration.

In his opening remarks the GOPAC Chair stated that GOPAC calls upon the international community to strengthen cooperation and partnership with the parliamentarians to fulfill their commitment to international anti-corruption standards and welcome the upcoming agreed Political Declaration as a pledge document of all the Member States to work together and strengthen international cooperation in preventing and combating corruption.

GOPAC identified parliamentarians' priorities for successful UNGASS implementation. GOPAC regional representatives shared their perspectives and views on the importance of UNGASS 2021 Political Declaration implementation based on each region's needs.

President of SEAPAC, Hon. Dr. Fadli Zon argued that parliamentarians must remain actively engaged, strategically empowered, and adequately equipped to assist in the fulfilment of all key recommendations in the declaration.

APNAC, the GOPAC Regional body in Africa, defined that parliaments are the gatekeepers of public finance, parliament and parliamentarians have to scrutinize government proposals and ensure that the demand of government meets the development needs of the people. APNAC also proposed that there should be exchange programs on sharing best practices between one parliament to the other should be encouraged, including the matter of budget office and also monitoring and evaluation issues.

GOPAC Latin America President, Dr. Carlos Alberto Perez Cuevas emphasize that It is necessary to strengthen anticorruption works especially during, this COVID-19 crisis, the parliamentarians of the world, particularly in Latin America are committed to continuing to work against corruption and will develop agenda of virtual meeting, or if possible face-to-face meeting to be able to build new laws, institutions, good practices, integrity handbook, parliamentary work manuals, transparency actions, and accountability.

Pacific parliamentarians are working with GOPAC Oceania and UNODC to adopt the regional anti-corruption roadmap called “Teieniwa Vision” and implement Teieniwa Vision within the umbrella of UNCAC and now UNGASS 2021.

Parliamentarians are part of the solution, and that the implementation of the UNGASS 2021 Political Declaration need parliament support and active engagement of Parliamentarians so that it can be implemented properly.

(GOPAC is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law. GOPAC has 60 national chapters on 5 regions. GOPAC supports its members' efforts through original research, global anticorruption capacity building, and international peer support.)