



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Global Conference, Arusha Tanzania**

### **CODES OF CONDUCT FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS**

#### ***Recognizing***

- That we are faced with a global crisis in confidence in political systems and that one of the factors influencing faith in political systems is corruption, and the perception of corruption;
- That parliamentarians and its members play a vital role in holding the executive branch accountable and nurturing public confidence in democracy and its systems;
- That therefore, there is a need for parliamentarians to demonstrate high standards of conduct to maintain a positive image.

#### ***GOPAC resolves to***

Establish a global Task Force of GOPAC Members to:

- a) Review current research on codes of conduct consistent with effective parliamentary oversight;
- b) Develop a draft Code of Conduct for parliamentarians in consultation with all members and prepare the draft for consideration at the next GOPAC Conference.
- c) Urge countries that have not yet done so, to ratify the UN Convention Against Corruption. By doing so, the Code of Conduct referred to in the previous paragraph may draw, inter alia, from Article 8 of the UN Convention Against Corruption, entitled “Codes of Conduct for Public Officials.”
- d) Suggests that the approach chosen in the UN Convention Against Corruption, namely that of 3 levels of obligations may be explored further by the GOPAC Task Force, particularly concerning public declaration of assets, public conflicts of interest and high standards of conduct, which may differ from country to country.
- e) Consider the need to develop a package of communication and orientation material and advise on further action.

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