



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

### **PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT**

#### ***Recognizing*** that

- Effective open and transparent parliamentary oversight is essential for good governance and combating corruption;
- Effective oversight requires that parliamentarians understand the powers, mechanisms, procedures and staff resources conducive to such oversight; as well as
- The importance of government oversight agent(s) – such as the Auditors General, anti corruption agencies and Ombuds Offices – and the importance of the relations between these institutions and parliament.

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

- Establish a global Task Force, including representation from all regional chapters and including significant representation from opposition members, to develop position papers that include practical guidelines for parliaments and parliamentarians on issues related to parliamentary oversight;
- Communicate vigorously the importance of features of parliamentary oversight, as well as the importance of the budgetary independence of parliament;
- Develop core educational materials targeted to newly elected parliamentarians on parliamentary oversight;
- Engage regional and national chapters and organizations with complementary interests in the professional development of parliamentarians.

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