

DECLARATION FORUM FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS

**Conference of State Parties
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WE THE PARLIAMENTARIANS from 4 continents attending the Forum for Parliamentarians held parallel to the UN Conference of States Parties to the UNCAC, including members of Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (“GOPAC”) and its regional chapters;

DEEPLY AWARE of the dire effects of corruption in reducing economic well-being, basic social services, standards of democracy, good governance and human rights;

FIRMLY BELIEVING that parliaments and parliamentarians should be an effective force in preventing and fighting corruption, by performing its fundamental functions and roles of legislation, oversight and representation and by engaging, educating citizens and enhancing their awareness on the Convention;

CALL UPON all governments and parliaments in all countries to ratify and implement effectively the provisions of the UN Convention Against Corruption, develop the appropriate political will to that effect as well as the effective monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and institutions, including developing capacity of parliaments.

URGE State Parties to engage and support parliaments and parliamentarians in their own respective countries and to work with international and regional organizations, particularly parliamentary organizations such as GOPAC, in the global fight against corruption.

ENDORSE the attached “Priority Action Items from a Parliamentary Perspective” as a recommended course of action for the proper implementation of the UNCAC.