WORKSHOP REPORT: GROUP C Parliament: An Institution Operating with Integrity

Group C held three meetings in the morning and afternoon of Monday, October 14th, and the morning of Tuesday, October 15th. Five presentations were made: Shafqat Mahmood of Pakistan; Con Sciacca of Australia; Tom Levitt of Great Britain; Chidbudom Nwuche of Nigeria; and Juan Adolfo Singer of Uruguay. There were 13 speakers in all.

It was agreed to propose the following points as bases of action for GOPAC:

(1) To democratize the electoral processes, i.e. to ensure that governments and parliaments result from free, clean, transparent and participatory elections.

(2) To grant public financing to the political parties to ensure their independence and establish effective control systems to monitor the incomes of parties and the links between governors or parliamentarians and sectors of economic interests.

(3) The anti-corruption efforts of our organization must be carried out in the closest possible cooperation with other international organization, parliamentary institutions and civil society organizations.

(4) Our organization should be made up of institutional representatives from national parliaments and individual parliamentarians as a way of committing the legislative organizations and at the same time ensure the participation of all parliamentarians that wish to contribute to the struggle against corruption.

(5) Monitoring of asset laundering, money laundering and the hiding of capital from bribery must be a matter of high priority, particularly in developing countries, in order to effectively combat all forms of corruption.

GROUP C also considered that the matters relating to the communication of legislative work must be studied, as well as the exchange of information at the intergovernmental and interparliamentary level, concerning administrative measures and laws against corruption.