



2006 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations



ECOSOC Chamber
13 - 14 November 2006

“Conflict Prevention and Peace-Building: Reinforcing the Key Role of the United Nations”

Monday, 13 November 2006

9:00 am – 11:00 am Accreditation of participants

11:00 am – 11:30 am Opening session

Statements by:

- Hon. Pier Ferdinando Casini, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
- H. E. Ms. Haya Al-Khalifa (Bahrain), President of the General Assembly
- Mr. Mark Malloch-Brown, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Session I Progress Report on the Prevention of Armed Conflict

- Overview and findings of the UN Secretary-General's Report
- Moving from the culture of reaction to a culture of prevention
- Forging a new partnership between the United Nations and parliaments in the area of conflict prevention
- The role of women in conflict prevention and peacebuilding

Discussants:

- Hon. Roch Marc Kabore, President of the National Assembly of Burkina Faso
- Chief Bayo Ojo, Federal Minister of Justice of Nigeria
- Ms. Angela Kane, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs
- Hon. Elisabeth Rehn, Minister, former UN Under-Secretary General and Special Rapporteur for Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Session II The new United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (PBC)- Challenges and expectations

- Overview of institutional change at the United Nations
- PBC mandate and program of action
- Impact and role of national parliaments

Discussants:

- Hon. Antoine Kolawole Idji, President, National Assembly of Benin
- Hon. Graf Lambsdorff (Germany), member of the European Parliament
- H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraao Gaspar Martins (Angola), Chairman of the PBC
- Ms. Carolyn McAskie, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

Reception in honor of participants (West Terrace, 4th floor)

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10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Session III - Good governance and the fight against corruption – key tools in peacebuilding and conflict prevention

- Lessons learned - national strategies and international mechanisms
- Implementation of the new UN Convention on Corruption
- Bridging the gaps for effective action

Discussants:

- Senator Rosario Green Macias, Mexico
- Hon. John Williams, MP (Canada), Chairman of Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC)
- Prof. Susan Rose-Ackerman (Yale University), Board Member, Transparency International USA
- Ms. Pippa Norris, Director, UNDP Democratic Governance Group
- Hon. Rolando Alvarenga Argueta, Vice-President, Legislative Assembly of El Salvador

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Session IV – Enhancing the parliamentary dimension of the United Nations

- Progress made and challenges ahead
- Delivering on the commitments of the Speakers' Conference and the 2005 World Summit Outcome
- Bringing the UN closer to the agenda of national parliaments

Discussants:

- Hon. Pier Ferdinando Casini, IPU President
- Hon. Theo-Ben Gurirab, President, National Assembly of Namibia
- Mr. Robert Orr, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Planning

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Presentation of reports on the proceedings of the Parliamentary Hearing. Conclusions and recommendations.