

Declaration for the Sixth Forum of Parliamentarians 5 November 2015

**Held in conjunction with the Sixth Conference of States Parties
to the United Nations Convention against Corruption**

WE THE PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE WORLD, assembled by the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption, at the Sixth Forum of Parliamentarians, parallel to the Sixth Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (the Convention), in St Petersburg, Russia, on 5 November 2015:

COMMEND those Member States of the United Nations that have ratified the UNCAC;

RECALL AND RENEW our consistent support for the universal adoption, ratification, and implementation of the Convention, expressed at Forums of Parliamentarians held at every Conference of States Parties since the Convention's inception;

ACCEPT our responsibilities as representatives of the peoples of the world to combat corruption in all its forms, and actively work towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 16 of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, access to justice for all, and effective, accountable institutions at all levels;

AND AGREE that corruption, particularly grand corruption, is the global tyrant of our time that robs citizens of these fundamental human rights and undermines the ability of states to protect the most vulnerable in society.

THEREFORE, WE STRENGTHEN OUR RESOLVE TO:

1. Call upon States who have not ratified the UNCAC to do so and urge all parliaments to ensure the effective implementation of the UNCAC and provide full support for UNCAC review mechanisms, particularly its second cycle which will be held during 2015-2020;
 2. Call upon the United Nations to remain seized in strengthening implementation of mechanisms for UN conventions and resolutions, in particular the UNCAC and Sustainable Development Goal 16: Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies ;
 3. Recommend that the United Nations consider the establishment of a new UNCAC protocol to establish an international court on corruption for the prosecution of perpetrators and collaborators of grand corruption;
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4. Call for the appointment of an United Nations Special Rapporteur on corruption and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights focusing on grand corruption and its impact on socio-economic and political rights;
 5. Endorse the transnational institutionalization of the battle against grand corruption and organized crime, according with the respective definitions of the United Nations conventions and in this sense, take into account the existence of the campaign for the creation of the Latin American and Caribbean Court Against Transnational Organized Crime (COPLA), opening the floor for the study and debate of such an important matter;
 6. Endorse the use of legal actions to pursue perpetrators of grand corruption and stress the need to strengthen international cooperation in facilitating the return of stolen assets to those harmed by corruption;
 7. Encourage countries to enact appropriate legislation and collaborate internationally for rapid response to freezing stolen assets.
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