

## STATEMENT

### GOPAC Endorsement of the Paris Declaration

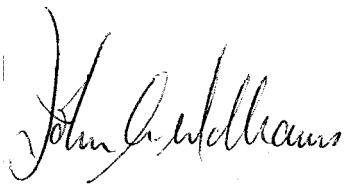
On behalf of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC), I am pleased to join with citizens from around the world to endorse the Paris Declaration Against Corruption.

Corruption steals not just the money, but also the basic elements of life: clean water, housing, education and health care from entire countries. Most of all, it steals the hopes and the dreams of millions of people, and consigns them to a life of misery.

Parliamentarians have a constitutional responsibility, on behalf of their citizens, to hold their governments accountable for their actions in an open and transparent way. Through GOPAC, Parliamentarians will tackle the problem of corruption at its' root – unaccountable government.

Therefore, the executive of GOPAC on behalf of its members endorses the Paris Declaration and joins with those who have signed the declaration in solidarity against the evils of bribery and corruption, for a better world.

Dated Ottawa, Canada, the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, 2003.



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