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Global Anti-Corruption Network Gathers Legislators to Reinforce Fight Against Grand Corruption

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GOPAC is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law.

Ottawa, Canada – The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) welcomes legislators to the sixth Global Conference of Parliamentarians Against Corruption under the theme *Bringing perpetrators of grand corruption to justice for a sustainable world where all citizens can live in prosperity and equity*. The conference convenes in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 6 October 2015.

The theme reflects GOPAC’s ongoing work towards establishing grand corruption as a crime at international law to enable international institutions and alliances to apprehend, prosecute, judge, and sentence the guilty. As well, it incorporates GOPAC’s commitment to supporting measures to fight corruption as part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

“Combatting grand corruption is not only a keystone to achieving the SDGs in an environment of equality of opportunity but, as well, it fosters equity and justice,” said GOPAC Vice-Chair the Honourable Osei Kyei-Mensa-Bonsu. “In this regard, we strongly assert that there cannot be sustainable development without measures to fight corruption.”

The Global Conference is a joint initiative of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia, GOPAC, the South East Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption (SEAPAC) and GOPAC Indonesia. The two-day event is a premier gathering of current and former legislators from all over the world, representatives from governments and stakeholders from national and international organizations, all committed to combatting corruption.

“The Conference is a unique opportunity for all of us to go into the depth of issues of grand corruption, asset recovery, as well as women’s role in the eradication of corruption. This is a concrete action from the legislative actors following the outcome of the 16th International Anti-Corruption Conference held in Putrajaya, Malaysia this September, where nearly 1,200 people from 130 countries recommended the need to recognize grand corruption as a crime of international law,” said Fadli Zon, Chair of GOPAC Indonesia.

GOPAC is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good governance and clean government, and uphold the rule of law. Based in Ottawa, Canada, GOPAC has 57 national chapters on 5 continents. GOPAC supports its members’ efforts through original research, global anti-corruption capacity building, and international peer support. Visit GOPAC on the web at gopacnetwork.org, on Twitter at twitter.com/GOPAC_Eng, and on Facebook at facebook.com/gopacnetwork

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