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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.

## Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruptions urges Civil Society to join forces in the fight against corruption

**Ottawa** – The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) will urge civil society and parliamentarians to join forces to fight corruption and ensure good governance around the world, on the opening day of the 15th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) in Brasilia, Brazil.

“Corruption thrives wherever a lack of transparency prevails and where government and business activities are shrouded in secrecy,” said GOPAC CEO, John Williams. “If we are to thwart corruption, legislators must work in concert with civil society to raise awareness of corruption issues and lobby for legislative and administrative changes.”

GOPAC will host a panel session on Day 4 of the IACC, Saturday 10 November, entitled Power to the People: Parliamentarians, citizens, and anti-corruption. The session will address the key question of how legislators can remain engaged with their constituents after the elections, to ensure that citizens are active participants in the democratic process.

Panellists will share their experiences from different parts of the world – including the Arab Region, Latin America, and the emerging state of Timor Leste. They will foster a dialogue between politicians and civil society participants on how to build bridges between the sectors to ensure that the concerns of the citizenry are reflected in government policy.

“Corruption stifles the growth and prosperity of peoples worldwide, but together, legislators and civil society can fight corruption and win,” said Dr Naser Al Sane, Chair of GOPAC.

GOPAC is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law. Based in Ottawa, Canada, GOPAC has 50 national chapters on 5 continents. GOPAC supports its members’ efforts through original research, global anti-corruption capacity building, and international peer support.

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