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Ottawa – The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption took the lead on the second day of the International Anti-Corruption Conference with two speaking engagements on the impact of the Arab Spring on anti-corruption and on human rights and corruption.

Dr. Naser Al Sane, GOPAC Chair, spoke at the session entitled Corruption and Transformations in the Arab Region: Changing Landscapes and New Horizons. He examined the lessons learned from the translation movements in Arab countries over the last two years and looked to use these lessons to push anti-corruption efforts forward in the Arab region.

“Following the Arab Spring, Arab parliamentarians are now realizing the impact that citizens can have on instituting change,” said GOPAC Chair Dr. Naser Al Sane. “They are evolving and focusing more on anti-corruption legislation and implementation; engaging citizens to speak up and speak out on corrupt acts.”

In addition to the session on the Arab Region, GOPAC was represented by GOPAC Global Secretariat Chief Operating Officer Akaash Maharaj at the Human Rights and Combating Corruption session held this morning. He explored how parliamentarians can help expand and apply international law to bring perpetrators of political corruption to justice, and to enable populations to recover stolen assets.

“When political corruption rises to the level that it persistently undermines fundamental human rights, it should be treated as a Crime Against Humanity,” said Mr. Maharaj.

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