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GOPAC Calls for Review Mechanism Reports on United Nations Convention Against Corruption to be tabled in Parliament

Ottawa – The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) at the Fourth Forum of Parliamentarians in Marrakech, Morocco called on UN Member States who have signed and ratified the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) to table in their Parliaments formal reviews of the UNCAC.

They also urged Member States to hold open debates in their Parliaments on any issues raised in the UNCAC review process.

“The recommendations made today will help ensure transparency and accountability in government and advance the fight against corruption,” said John Williams, CEO of GOPAC. “Corruption impacts individuals and institutions alike and it is the responsibility of parliamentarians around the world to represent their constituents and take an active role in this fight.”

Parliamentarians met for the Fourth Forum of Parliamentarians sponsored by GOPAC as part of the Conference of States Parties to the UNCAC. The Forum enables parliamentarians to work with other parliamentarians around the world to find and implement solutions in the fight against corruption.

The Forum included a presentation on moving the UNCAC forward in Africa by Honorable Amadou Bouare, APNAC-Mali President, and the launch of the GOPAC Anti-Money Laundering Action Guide for Parliamentarians. The guide provides parliamentarians with information and tools to become actively engaged in their legislatures in the fight against money laundering.

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