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Statement

GOPAC Reacts to Corruption Verdict of Jacques Chirac

The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) has noted that ex-President of France Jacques Chirac has been found guilty of corruption. GOPAC has long emphasised the concept that no one, including Presidents, are above the law. This conviction sends a clear signal to all elected officials that corruption does not pay.

Over the last number of years, instruments such as the United Nations Convention Against Corruption and the Stolen Assets Recovery Initiative, have become more robust at attacking corruption. GOPAC is using such tools to mobilize ethical parliamentarians and society to condemn corruption which destroys economic prosperity. GOPAC recognizes the vital need to attack corruption wherever it exists and continues to move forward in its commitment to establishing a strong coalition of parliamentarians dedicated to fighting corruption worldwide.

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