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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. Based in Ottawa, Canada, GOPAC has 62 national chapters on 5 regions. GOPAC supports its members' efforts through original research, global anti-corruption capacity building, and international peer support.

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GOPAC's Message on the International Day of Parliamentarism

Jakarta, Indonesia – During the COVID-19, the role of parliamentarians is needed more than ever. It is widely known that the parliament, as the legislative actor, has important responsibilities in monitoring the implementation of government actions by passing emergency bills, allocating additional aid relief, and oversight government corona-related policies.

[GOPAC](#) believes that in times of crisis, it is vital for parliaments to provide proper legal frameworks and ensure that aid relief are managed effectively. Parliamentarians through their constitutional mandates should prevent budget misappropriation and become a guardian of democracy to assure the interest of all people at its best.

As the only international network of parliamentarians dedicated to combat corruption, GOPAC has been actively promoting the role of parliamentarians to take measurable actions through various projects and programs. For instance, GOPAC has provided [tools](#) and guidance towards improving oversight abilities through the Parliamentary Oversight Global Task Force ([GTF-PO](#)).

On this year's International Day of Parliamentarism, GOPAC urges fellow members and parliamentarians to strengthen its parliamentary oversight. From this day forward, parliamentarians must be able to maximize their oversight role to ensure public institutions are accountable and trustworthy for the benefit of the people.

GOPAC would also congratulate the Inter-Parliamentary Union ([IPU](#)) on its anniversary on this International Day of Parliamentarians. Since its establishment back in 1889, the IPU has encouraged parliamentarians to engage and act as agents of peace in cooperation and dialogue between all nations. GOPAC committed to foster greater partnership in anti-corruption and governance issues with all inter-parliamentary organizations, including the IPU to signify the truest meaning of this International Day of Parliamentarism.

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