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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. GOPAC has 57 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 CHAIR REMARKS AT THE UNGASS 2021 PLENARY SESSION On Challenges and Measures to Prevent and Combat Corruption and Strengthen International Cooperation.**

On 4 June 2021, GOPAC Chair H.E. Ahmad bin Abdulla bin Zaid Al Mahmoud delivered his remarks emphasizing the important roles of parliaments and parliamentarians to prevent and combat corruption during the United Nations General Assembly Against Corruption 2021.

During the time when all countries are striving hard to boost the recovery and speed up the COVID-19 Vaccination, it is important to ensure that there are no abuses of power and unchecked actions in the management of public finance. At the current time huge amount of public funds is being disbursed as a means of fiscal stimulus. He emphasized the urgency to ensure a proper delivery of those aids and guarantee that such assistance reaches those who are in dire need.

“Parliaments and parliamentarians should exercise their oversight roles to protect public funds from corrupt activities and promote accountability on the use of public funds. Parliamentarians are the trustee of public funds. They are also responsible for good legislature, the main stakeholder of the budget estimates, and the highest example of the society. We are, as parliamentarians, must be part of the solution not the problem,” said GOPAC Chair.

As the sole international network of parliamentarians dedicated to combating corruption, GOPAC encourages the international community to strengthen cooperation and partnership with parliamentarians to fulfil their commitment to international anti-corruption standards. GOPAC welcomes the Political Declaration as the commitment document of all Member States to work together and strengthen international cooperation in preventing and combating corruption.

GOPAC renews the organization's call to the international community to address the scourge of corruption, effectively, implement their international corruption commitment, and to take measures to promote transparent and accountable governance to help eradicate corruption.

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