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FOREWORD

Dear GOPAC Members,

The year of 2018 has been remarkably fruitful and prolific in fostering collaboration and strengthening our commitment in the fight against corruption.

I have been re-elected as GOPAC Chair for the periods of 2017-2019 during GOPAC Annual General Meeting 2017. During my second term chairmanship, GOPAC Global Secretariat has been temporarily moved to Jakarta office as a result of the closing of GOPAC Secretariat in Canada due to no financial resources. This has been possible because of the generous support and hospitality from the Indonesian House of Representatives.

GOPAC Secretariat Jakarta Office was acknowledged as the forefront of GOPAC'S effort to run secretariat's daily activities and maintain communication with our members and partners. In 2018, we have started the initial stage to establish a cooperation with OECD Global Parliamentary Network. GOPAC also continue to foster various partnerships with other institutions, such as GOPAC Latin America with FOPREL (Forum of Presidents and Head of Legislative Powers of Central America and the Caribbean Basin), GOPAC Oceania with UNODC and UN-PRAC, and ARPAC with NED (National Endowment for Democracy).

Moreover, GOPAC continuously promote the use of SDGs Handbook to parliamentarians worldwide. We also support new initiatives, such as Open Parliament which enhances transparency and accountability of the legislative body.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to all GOPAC Board of Directors and members for your contribution, hard work, and dedication in carrying out activities and representing GOPAC throughout the world with your own resources. It is your efforts and dedication that have made GOPAC a respectable global network in the fight against corruption.

Hopefully we could enhance our commitment to strengthen GOPAC in carrying out its noble vision to achieve accountability and empower parliamentarians in the fight against corruption.

Thank you.

H.E Dr. Fadli Zon
GOPAC Chair

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GOPAC Membership and National Chapter Record

	Amount	Note
GOPAC Member	1.332 people	Recorded as of December 2018
GOPAC Observer	501 observers	Recorded as of December 2018
GOPAC Newsletter Subscriber	2.535 subscribers	Recorded as of December 2018
National Chapter	62 countries	Recorded as of December 2018

GOPAC Communication and Publication

Besides the social media accounts, GOPAC communication platform also include the regular Newsletter, Media Alert or Press Release, Event Notice, and other updates which distributed through email blast system. Here are the latest GOPAC publications:

Newsletter			
Date	Topics	Link	Open Rate
5 November 2018	News Release – GOPAC MPs Renew Push for Stronger Partnerships at the 18 th IACC	Access here	24%
16 October 2018	Event Notice – GOPAC Session at the 18th IACC, 24 October 2018	Access here	24,4%
7 September 2018	Invitation – Invitation for GOPAC Member to the 18 th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC)	Access here	36,3%
14 July 2018	Post-event Brief – GOPAC at the OGP Summit 2018 (Georgia, 17-19 July 2018)	Access here	24,4%
29 March 2018	Information Brief – Upcoming Events and APNAC Biannual General Meeting (BGM) 2018 Result	Access here	21,4%
14 February 2018	Announcement – GOPAC Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2017 Results	Access here	23,4%

News Release		
Date	Topics	Link
9 December 2018	GOPAC Chair's Message on the International Anti-Corruption Day 2018 – "United Against Corruption for Development, Peace, and Security"	Access here
24 October 2018	GOPAC MPs Renew Push for Stronger Partnerships	Access here
25 April 2018	GOPAC Samoa MPs Active in Nation's Accession to UNCAC	Access here



GOPAC Financial

Currently, GOPAC doesn't receive any funding nor expenditure in 2018. For almost the past 3 years, GOPAC received in-kind contributions from Indonesian House of Representatives as follows:

- GOPAC Secretariat office in Jakarta
- Voluntary Staffs
- Financial Support for GOPAC Event
 - Workshop on SDGs Handbook and UNCAC Implementation Review
- Travel and Accommodation Expenses of GOPAC Chair
 - Tbilisi, Georgia (OGP Global Summit)
 - Geneva, Switzerland (138th and 139th IPU Assembly)
 - Copenhagen, Denmark (18th IACC)
 - Buenos Aires, Argentina (G20 Parliamentary Forum and Speakers' Summit)
- Administration and Printing Expenses

GOPAC Events and Activities

GOPAC has both conducted events related to its project and mission, as well as participated in several events conducted by other partner institutions. Some GOPAC events were organized by the Global Secretariat; others were conducted by the Regional and National Chapter.

Kindly find the list of GOPAC events and activities on the table below:

GOPAC Activity Reports
October 2017 – December 2018

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Date, Place	Event	In-Charge / Attendee
<p>24 October 2017 West Mishref, Kuwait</p>	<p>ARPAC Public Lecture at the Gulf University of Science and Technology</p> <p>The Chair of ARPAC, who is also the Executive Committee of GOPAC Board of Directors, Dr. Naser Al-Sane, delivered a lecture for the Gulf University of Science and Technology's MBA Program Seminar. Dr. Al-Sane addressed the theme of GOPAC and the fights against political corruption. He discussed about GOPAC's works in general, international prosecution for grand corruption, as well as GOPAC Global Task Forces and on-going project on Parliamentary SDGs Handbook. Dr. Naser emphasized GOPAC's approach in response to the political corruption, by strengthening parliamentary oversight of government, and promote the prosecution of the world's corruption offenders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARPAC Chair, Dr. Naser Al-Sane
<p>9 November 2017 Vienna, Austria</p>	<p>7th Forum of Parliamentarians at Conference of State Parties (CoSP) UNCAC</p> <p>GOPAC successfully held the 7th Forum of Parliamentarians during the 7th Conference of State Parties to the UNCAC, in cooperation with GOPAC Oceania, UNODC, UN-PRAC, and UNDP. The forum focused on oversight matters and ways for Members of Parliament to improve development effectiveness. The keynote speaker was GOPAC Chair H.E. Dr. Fadli Zon, while other panelists included Hon. Shakeel Shabbir (APNAC Kenya), Hon. Milorad Mijatovic (GOPAC Serbia), Hon. Prof. Jacqueline Adhiambo Oduol (APNAC Kenya), Maria Adomeit (UN-PRAC), Patrick Keuleers (UNDP), and Sen. Dr. Isaac Mwaura (Kenyan Senate).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Chair, Dr. Fadli Zon • GOPAC Secretary, John Hyde • GOPAC Members
<p>16 November 2017 Sydney, Australia</p>	<p>GOPAC Australia Biannual General Meeting 2017</p> <p>GOPAC Australia held its Biannual General Meeting during the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference (APSACC). Office-bearers elected for the next two years are: Hon. Margaret Quirk MLA as the Chair, Hon. Nick Goiran as the Vice-Chair, John Hyde as Secretary, Hon. Liz Behjat as Treasurer, and Executive members are Melissa Parke, Hon. Matt Benson-Lidholm, and Peter Loney.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Secretary, John Hyde • GOPAC Australia Chair, Hon. Margaret Quirk MLA • GOPAC Australia Members

<p>16 February 2018 Mexico City, Mexico</p>	<p>GOPAC Mexico Contributed on Parliamentary Book of Auditing, Transparency and Accountability</p> <p>The Chair of GOPAC Mexico, Dr. Carlos Alberto Pérez Cuevas, who is also the Vice-Chair of GOPAC Executive Committee, participated as co-author in the 4th Volume of Auditing, Transparency and Accountability — Volume IV (<i>Fiscalización, Transparencia y Rendición de Cuentas — Tomo IV</i>) published by the Evaluation and Control Unit of the Surveillance Commission of the Superior Audit of the Federation, Mexican Chamber of Deputies. The book is expected to provide valuable contributions in the discourse and implementation of the Mexico’s National Anti-Corruption System. In this volume of the book, Dr. Cuevas along with David Ulises Guzmán Palma contributed an article on “Transparency of the Compliance Obligation in Public Contracts.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Vice Chair and GOPAC Mexico Chair, Dr. Carlos Alberto Pérez Cuevas
<p>18 April 2018 Mexico City, Mexico</p>	<p>GOPAC Vice-Chair Presented the Impacts of Corruption on Human Rights at the National Autonomous University of Mexico</p> <p>GOPAC Mexico Chair and Vice-Chair of GOPAC Executive Committee, Dr. Carlos Alberto Pérez Cuevas, represented GOPAC as a speaker at the conference on Human Rights and Corruption. Organized by the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), the conference was a preliminary event to the launch of a book by Mexican Institute of Constitutional Studies, called "Impact of Corruption on Human Rights." During the discussion, Dr. Carlos stated that corruption is a global disease which no country is immune to this phenomenon. He also pointed out that stronger partnership and collaboration among stakeholders, including parliamentarians and academic communities, are important to tackle this issue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Vice Chair and GOPAC Mexico Chair, Dr. Carlos Alberto Pérez Cuevas
<p>20 April 2018 Mexico City, Mexico</p>	<p>GOPAC, FOPREL and Mexican Senate Foster Commitment to Improve Transparency and the Fight against Corruption</p> <p>Dr. Carlos Alberto Pérez Cuevas, GOPAC Mexico Chair and Vice-Chair of GOPAC Executive Committee attended the Fifth Meeting of Inter-parliamentary Commission on Probity and Transparency of the FOPREL (Forum of Presidents and Head of Legislative Powers of Central America and the Caribbean Basin) at the Senate of the Republic of Mexico. During the meeting, FOPREL and GOPAC Mexico signed an agreement of collaboration to establish a coordinated agenda which will include technical legislative supports in transparency and access to public information, develop legislative studies, and carry out actions to generate political dialogues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Vice Chair and GOPAC Mexico Chair, Dr. Carlos Alberto Pérez Cuevas

<p>23 April 2018 Jakarta, Indonesia</p>	<p>GOPAC Indonesia Workshop to Strengthen Parliamentarians in Implementing SDGs and UNCAC</p> <p>GOPAC Indonesia and Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Bureau of the Indonesian House of Representatives held a special workshop on "The Role of Parliamentarians in Implementing the SDGs and the Review of UNCAC Compliance." The workshop also invited the UN Development Programme (UNDP) Indonesia and Indonesia's Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) as panelists.</p> <p>This workshop discussed two main topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The important role of parliamentarians in ensuring SDGs implementation effectiveness; and ii) The results of implementation review on Indonesia's compliance towards UNCAC. <p>GOPAC Chair, Dr. Fadli Zon also re-introduced the GOPAC Parliamentary Handbook on SDGs, and further encouraged all Parliamentarians to make use of it as a valuable resource in achieving SDGs targets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Chair, Dr. Fadli Zon • GOPAC Indonesia Members
<p>May 2018 Samoa</p>	<p>GOPAC Oceania at the Parliament Seminar of Samoan Legislative Assembly</p> <p>GOPAC members were active in the Committees in a Parliament Seminar at the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in May 2018 which was organized by UNDP through the Strengthening Legislatures' Capacity in Pacific Island Countries (SLIP) Project, funded by the People of Japan. Pictured is ex-New Zealand GOPAC Chair Charles Chauvel, GOPAC NZ new chair Hon Anne Tolley, GOPAC Samoa chair Taefu Lemi, GOPAC Oceania secretary John Hyde, and Senator Wade Mark, a member of GOPAC Trinidad and Tobago which is part of GOPAC's Caribbean Chapter in Formation, chaired by the Hon. Mary King.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Secretary, John Hyde • GOPAC New Zealand Chair, Hon. Anne Tolley • GOPAC Trinidad and Tobago member, Sen. Wade Mark
<p>15 August 2018</p>	<p>APNAC Kenya Meeting with Mauritius Parliament</p> <p>GOPAC Audit Committee Member and APNAC Kenya Chair, Hon. Shakeel Shabbir Ahmed MP Kisumu East along with other APNAC Kenya members had a successful meeting with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Parliament of Mauritius. They discussed issues of collaboration with the Mauritian Parliament and introduced APNAC rationale and governance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Audit Committee Member and APNAC Kenya Chair, Hon. Shakeel Shabbir Ahmed

<p>29 August 2018 Jakarta, Indonesia</p>	<p>GOPAC Supports the Declaration of Open Parliament Indonesia Initiative</p> <p>GOPAC Chair and Vice Speaker of Indonesian House of Representatives, Dr. Fadli Zon declared the Open Parliament Indonesia (OPI) initiative, in coordination with the Open Government Indonesia Secretariat, Ministry of National Development Planning, Presidential Staff Office, and the Indonesian Parliamentary Center. On his speech, Dr. Zon stated that parliament must continue to collaborate with CSOs and partners to ensure that the Open Parliament Action Plan truly represents an open and modern parliament, so that the parliament can truly be a home for the people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Chair, Dr. Fadli Zon
<p>31 August 2018 Jakarta, Indonesia</p>	<p>GOPAC Members Participates in Seminar for Members of Parliament: Committees in a Parliament</p> <p>GOPAC Secretary John Hyde, along with GOPAC Samoa Chair Hon. Taefu Lemi, and GOPAC New Zealand member Anne Tolley participates on seminar that aims to strengthening legislatures' capacity in Pacific Island countries organized by UNDP and the People of Japan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Secretary, John Hyde • GOPAC Samoa, MP Taefu Lemi • GOPAC New Zealand Member, Anne Tolley
<p>24-27 September 2018 Sydney, Australia</p>	<p>GOPAC Australia Participates at the 25th Egmont Group Meeting and Plenary</p> <p>GOPAC Australia Chair, Hon. Margaret Quirk, MLA represented GOPAC at the 25th Egmont Group Meeting and Plenary in Sydney, Australia. The meetings included Information Exchange on ML/TF Working Group (IEWG), and Technical Assistance and Training Working Group (TATWG).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Australia Chair, Hon. Margaret Quirk, MLA
<p>16 October 2018 Geneva, Switzerland</p>	<p>139th IPU Assembly and Related Meetings – Promoting Peace by Combating Corruption</p> <p>GOPAC Chair Dr. Fadli Zon spoke on, "Parliamentary Leadership in Promoting Peace and Development in the Age of Innovation and Technological Change" in the 136th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly and Related Meetings in Geneva, Switzerland. In the assembly, Dr. Zon called global parliamentarians to promote peace and development to combat corruption which fuels conflict and instability. He further called parliamentarians to put these two agendas simultaneously – eradicating corruption and promoting peace – as priority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Chair, Dr. Fadli Zon

<p>24 October 2018 Copenhagen, Denmark</p>	<p>GOPAC Session at the 18th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC)</p> <p>GOPAC conducted a session during the 18th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) on “Parliamentarians Renew Push for Stronger Partnerships.” The panelists of the session were GOPAC Chair, Dr Fadli Zon, GOPAC Australia Chair Margaret Quirk MLA, GOPAC Samoa MP Taefu Lemi, GOPAC Kenya chair Hon. Shakeel Shabbir Ahmed, and Danish MP Michael Astrup Jensen, while GOPAC Secretary, John Hyde moderated the event. GOPAC has been regularly organized a session in the IACC.</p> <p>Dr. Zon stated that corruption is a threat to democracy as it violates social justice and destroys trust in state institution. Other panelist, GOPAC Samoa MP Taefu Lemi told the workshop that parliamentarians, youth and civil society need to work more in effective partnerships to benefit integrity in the Pacific. Whereas GOPAC Kenya chair Hon. Shakeel Shabbir Ahmed detailed how Kenya put in place a legal framework that supports whistle blower protection. Danish MP Michael Astrup Jensen said Denmark’s parliamentarians recognized that transparency was the key, with citizen access to every speech, voting record, positions and gifts received. Moreover, GOPAC Australia Chair, also noted that there was strong community and expert support for a national anti-corruption agency building, along with commitments to the Open Government Partnership and recognizing the important role that civil society plays in that process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Chair, Dr. Fadli Zon • GOPAC Secretary, John Hyde • GOPAC Australia Chair, Hon. Margaret Quirk, MLA • GOPAC Kenya Chair, Hon. Shakeel Shabbir Ahmed • GOPAC Samoa, MP Taefu Lemi
<p>1 November 2018 Buenos Aires, Argentina</p>	<p>G20 Parliamentary Forum and Speakers’ Summit 2018</p> <p>GOPAC Chair Dr. Fadli Zon represented GOPAC as a panelist at the G20 Parliamentary Forum and Speakers’ Summits in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The forum was organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the National Congress of Argentina. The Summit aims to provide parliamentarians with expertise on building a consensus for fair and sustainable development, as well as bridge democracy gap in international relations and ensure greater transparency and accountability in global governance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Chair, Dr. Fadli Zon
<p>1 November 2018 Buenos Aires, Argentina</p>	<p>GOPAC to Foster Stronger Partnership with OECD</p> <p>During the G20 Parliamentary Forum and Speakers’ Summits in Buenos Aires, GOPAC Chair Dr. Fadli Zon had a meeting with Director of Public Affairs and Communications and Chair of the OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) Global Parliamentary Network, Anthony Gooch. They discussed the works of GOPAC and OECD Global Parliamentary Network while exploring opportunities to collaborate more closely in the future.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Chair, Dr. Fadli Zon

<p>16 November 2018 Mexico City, Mexico</p>	<p>GOPAC Joins Forces with FOPREL in Fighting Corruption</p> <p>Dr. Santiago Rivas Leclair, Executive Secretary of FOPREL (Forum of Presidents and Head of Legislative Powers of Central America and the Caribbean Basin), made an official visit to GOPAC Latin America Regional Chapter secretariat in Mexico City, where he was received by GOPAC Vice-Chair and Mexico Chair, Dr. Carlos Alberto Pérez Cuevas. The visit aimed to follow-up on the bilateral agreement signed on April 20, 2018, between FOPREL and GOPAC, as well as to discuss the consolidation of inter-parliamentary anti-corruption agenda in Central America and the Caribbean.</p> <p>As a result, FOPREL and GOPAC agree to collaborate in developing an initiative aimed to promote the harmonization of regional legislative framework on public sector ethics public service and cyber-crime.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Mexico Chair, Dr. Carlos Alberto Pérez Cuevas
<p>9-10 November 2018 Tunis, Tunisia</p>	<p>ARPAC Develops Guidebook and Training to Enhance Parliamentarians’ Capacity in Achieving SDGs Goal 16</p> <p>In the framework of the project “Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight over Government” – which is being implemented by the Arab Region Parliamentarians Against Corruption (ARPAC) in the MENA Region and funded by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) – ARPAC has developed the “Guidebook to enhance parliamentarians’ capacity to achieve Goal 16 of the Sustainable Development Plan 2030.”</p> <p>This guidebook comes within ARPAC’s efforts to contribute to Arab parliaments (parliamentarians and parliamentary staff) on how to deal effectively with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 16. The first training conducted in Tunisia on November 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Executive Committee Member and ARPAC Chair, Dr. Nasser Al-Sane • ARPAC Members

<p>7 December 2018 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</p>	<p>2018 International Anti-Corruption Excellence Awards</p> <p>ARPAC Chair and GOPAC Executive Committee member, Dr. Naser Al-Sane, took part on the 3rd annual International Anti-Corruption Excellence Awards organized by the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Center (ROLACC) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The awards aim to support and inspire efforts in anti-corruption through awareness and encouragement. There are four categories, which are Lifetime Outstanding Achievement, Innovation, Youth Creativity and Engagement, as well as Academic Research and Education awarded to the winners representing Liberia, Australia, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Papua New Guinea, USA, and Mexico.</p> <p>H.H. Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, Prime Minister of Malaysia Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, and Executive Director of UNODC Yury Fedotov honored the winners of the at a ceremony on December 7, 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The award has been established to shine a light on the fight against corruption across the world.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Executive Committee Member and ARPAC Chair, Dr. Nasser Al-Sane
<p>9 December 2018</p>	<p>GOPAC Chair Calls Everyone to Unite against Corruption for Development, Peace, and Security on the International Anti-Corruption Day 2018</p> <p>On 2018 International Anti-Corruption Day, GOPAC urges everyone, particularly parliamentarians around the globe, to be #UnitedAgainstCorruption. GOPAC also calls for concerted efforts of the global community to include parliaments in the anticorruption discourse.</p> <p>"Parliamentarians are valuable partners in ensuring accountable, inclusive, participatory and transparent political process. They must continue to be strategically empowered, actively engaged, and sufficiently equipped to achieve a sustainable peace for the international society," stated GOPAC Chair, Dr. Fadli Zon.</p> <p>Dr. Zon also pointed out on how corruption affects education, health, justice, democracy, prosperity and development, and how GOPAC has been actively promoting parliamentarians to make progress in deterring it. He also encourages innovative and collaborative engagement with government, civil society, and other stakeholders in ensuring a more coordinated fight against corruption.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOPAC Chair, Dr. Fadli Zon