



Meeting of the members of the regional boards of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat October 2011 Aguascalientes, Mexico

Since several Parliamentarians needed to return to their Parliaments on 4 October 2011, it was agreed by consensus on 3 October 2011 to bring forward the Board meeting scheduled for 4 October 2011 to Monday, 3 October 2011, at 5 p.m.

After the President of the Board of Directors of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat, Peter Götz, and the former President and retired Senator Ernesto Gil Elorduy welcomed everyone to the meeting, Götz informed the Parliamentarians about his meeting with the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Joan Clos, and the Governor of Aguascalientes, Carlos Lozano de la Torre, and conveyed their greetings. Joan Clos had indicated that the cooperation with the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat was very important to him.

Götz also reported that on 10 October 2011 the Board of Directors of the GPH was planning on holding a meeting in Brussels, Belgium, to discuss further activities. A meeting of the African Regional Council of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat was also planned for November 2011 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Parliamentarian Renaul V. A. Dominguez from Panama, Councilor on the Board of Directors of the GPH-Americas, invited everyone to the next Regional Forum of the Americas, which was planned for January/February 2012, in Panama. At this Forum, elections for the American Board of Directors will take place.

It was further agreed as follows:

- The Global Parliamentarians on Habitat will participate in the Rio +20 Conference of the United Nations in June 2012.
- At the 6th World Urban Forum of UN-Habitat in early September 2012, the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat will participate in the organization and implementation of the Round Table for Parliamentarians on the topic "Cities as engines for sustainable growth".
- In accordance with a proposal by Ernesto Gil Elorduy, it is planned on celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat in fall 2012 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA. Details are yet to be determined. He has offered to assist the President with the organization. If necessary, attracting sponsors should be considered.

- In view of the many events in 2012, the 8th Global Forum of Global Parliamentarians on Habitat will be held in the first Half of 2013. Since the last four Forums were held in Africa, America and Europe, it was suggested that the next Forum be held in Asia.

After a brief discussion on the structures of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat, it was agreed not to pursue the establishment of a special funds. Since several members of the Board of Directors could not be present, the agenda item was postponed.