



Global Parliamentarians on **HABITAT**

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Minutes

Meeting of the GPH-Asia

on 18 March 2010 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

in the Camara Municipal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The following Asian countries were represented:

Philippines

Indonesia

Yemen

Since many Asian countries had to cancel their participation in the 6th Global Forum at short notice, the planned regional meeting of the GPH-Asia could not take place. Instead, those parliamentarians from Asia who did attend, met to discuss how to proceed.

Peter Götz, President of the GPH, welcomed the members of the GPH-Asia. The current President of the GPH-Asia, Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon, had expressed his wish to resign. Since only three Asian countries were present, the immediate holding of elections was not possible.

Gregorio B. Honasan II, Acting President of the GPH-Asia, found explained that 38 Asian countries had been invited to this meeting. According to the By-Laws of the GPH-Asia, the quorum consists of

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twelve countries. In the past, it had proved very difficult to attain this quorum.

It was therefore agreed by the participating parliamentarians to temporarily reduce the quorum to eight countries in order to permit the election of a new Board of Directors. These elections will be held in 2011 within the framework of the next Global Forum in Zadar, Croatia.

In order to organize more meetings and to prepare the elections in 2011, a secretariat should be appointed. In addition, the communication between the member countries should become more active. Even before 2011 there must be an agreement regarding the process should less than eight member countries be present in 2011.

Important topics that were identified for the GPH-Asia included the effects of climate change and disaster relief.

Honasan expressed his support for Götz in the upcoming elections of the World Board of Directors.

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