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Minutes

**of the
Meeting
of the
Board of Directors
of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat**

4 September 2012

9.30 to 11.30

Mostra d'Oltremare S.p.a.
Pavilion 6, Room Number 9
Naples, Italy

**and of the
Work Session
of the
Global Parliamentarians on Habitat**

5 September 2012

9.30 to 11.30

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The meetings were both chaired by Mr. Peter Götz (Germany), President of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat (GPH) and his Vice-President from Europe, Mr. Jerko Rosin (Croatia). The meeting was opened by Mr. Götz, followed by a statement and report by Mr. Rosin.

Dr. Markandey Rai, Chief, Global Parliamentarians and Trade Unions, UN-Habitat, underlined the importance of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat as partners of UN-Habitat.

Reports on their countries and/or regions were made by the Board members present.

The following decisions were reached during the Board Meeting and the work session:

1. Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the GPH

It was decided that the anniversary of the GPH should be celebrated individually in each region and independently of each other.

It was also proposed that regional board meetings be held in conjunction with the regional celebrations.

Suggestions were made by Ms. Patricia Hajabakiga (Rwanda) and Ms. Nancy Abisai (Kenya) from the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA), who were requested by Ms. Margaret Zziwa (Uganda), President of the GPH-Africa and Speaker of the EALA, to represent her at the meetings, to celebrate the anniversary for the region of Africa in Arusha, Tanzania. It was suggested that the celebrations could be hosted by the EALA together with the Parliament of Tanzania in the newly finished buildings of the EALA. In terms of timing, January 2013 was proposed. Ms. Hajabakiga and Ms. Abisai undertook to discuss this issue with Ms. Zziwa upon their return.

Mr. Marius Gerard Necula (Romania), Counselor of the Board of Directors of the GPH-Europe suggested celebrating the anniversary for the region of Europe in the Republic of Moldova. Mr. Necula undertook to discuss this issue with relevant contacts upon his return and to get back to the President with the results of his discussion.

Regarding the anniversary celebrations for the region of Asia, Prof. Jiang Mingjun (China), President of the International Ecological Safety Collaborative Organization and Chairman of the Climate Change Committee of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), offered to work together with the GPH. The 2nd World Conference Ecological Safety Assembly will be held from 9 to 12 December 2012 in Bali, Indonesia. It was suggested that the 25th anniversary celebration of the GPH for the region of Asia be celebrated before the Assembly.

The suggestion was made that the anniversary celebrations for the region of America could be celebrated either at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York or in Latin America.

2. World Habitat Day 2012

As UN-Habitat had not yet announced a place for the Global Celebrations of World Habitat Day on 1 October 2012, it will be assumed that there are to be no Global Celebrations this year and therefore no global activities of the GPH in conjunction with this event. All regions and countries are urged to celebrate this important day with activities of their own.

3. 8th Global Forum of the GPH

Deputy Minister Priscilla M. (Boois) Beukes MP, Ministry of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development, Namibia, offered to host the 8th Global Forum of the GPH in either Walvis Bay or Swakopmund in Namibia. It was agreed that contact between her Ministry and the Secretary-General of the GPH be established in order to work out the details. In terms of date, it was suggested that the Forum be held in July/August 2013. It was proposed that the next Regional Forum of the GPH-Africa be held in conjunction with the Global Forum, as well as a Board Meeting.

Markandey Rai, Chief, Global Parliamentarians and Trade Unions, offered to investigate the possibility of financial support for the travel expenses of Parliamentarians from the Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

Attachments:

Agenda of the Board Meeting on 4 September 2012

Agenda of the Work Session on 5 September 2012

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Meeting of the Board of Directors Global Parliamentarians on Habitat

**Tuesday, 4 September 2012
09.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.**

**Mostra d'Oltremare S.p.a. (WUF Venue)
Pavilion 6, Room Number 9
Naples, Italy**

1. Opening of the meeting by Mr. Peter Götz (Germany), President
2. Message by Mr. Jerko Rosin (Croatia), Vice-President of Europe
3. Message by Dr. Elfatih Mohamed Saeed Hussien (Sudan), Vice-President of the GPH-Africa for the Region of Central Africa.
4. Message by Mr. Mohamed El Bakkouri (Morocco), Vice-President of the GPH-Africa for Northern Africa
5. Message by Ms. Patricia Hajabakiga (Rwanda) and Ms. Nancy Abisai (Kenya) from the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA), who were requested by Ms. Margaret Zziwa (Uganda), President of the GPH-Africa and Speaker of the EALA to represent her
6. Message by Mr. Marius Gerard Necula (Romania), Counselor of the GPH-Europe
7. Discussion of the Round Table of the GPH on 4 September 2012
8. Preparation of the Work Session of the GPH on 5 September 2012
9. Discussion of future activities of the GPH within the framework of the following meetings:
 - 25th Anniversary Celebration of the GPH in 2012
 - World Habitat Day on 1 October 2012
 - 8th Global Forum of the GPH in 2013
10. AOB (Any Other Business)
11. Summary and closure by Mr. Peter Götz, President

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Work Session Global Parliamentarians on Habitat

**Wednesday, 5 September 2012
09.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.**

**Mostra d' Oltremare (WUF6 Venue)
Pavilion 6, Room Number 1
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1. Opening of the meeting by Mr. Peter Götz, President
2. Statement by Mr. Jerko Rosin, Vice-President of Europe
3. Message by Dr. Markandey Rai, Chief, Global Parliamentarians and Trade Unions, UN-Habitat
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