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Dear GOPAC Members:

The UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) was negotiated and agreed to by nations from around the world in December 2003 and, came into force two years later in December 2005. It represents an international consensus about what states should be doing to address corruption: prevention, criminalisation and prosecution, as well as international cooperation, asset recovery and repatriation.

Pursuant to article 63 of the Convention, a *Conference of the States Parties to the Convention* is being convened in Jordan from December 10 to 14th, 2006. Its purpose will be to improve the capacity of, and cooperation between States Parties to achieve the objectives set forth in the Convention and to review progress and promote its implementation among more countries.

GOPAC and its Arab Regional Chapter (ARPAC), have been approached by the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna to organise a parliamentary side meeting that will take place on December 13th in conjunction with the *Conference of States Parties*.

The focus will be on developing a **parliamentary plan of action** to support the effective implementation of the UNCAC by more countries.

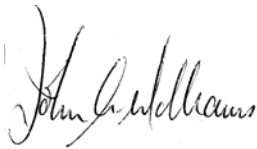
Both events will take place at the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center, Dead Sea – Jordan (www.dscc.jo). Arabic translation will be available however we cannot confirm at this time whether French and Spanish will also be provided.

We are inviting GOPAC members to attend the parliamentary side event at this important and landmark event. We would strongly suggest you approach your Speaker and/or Executive Branch of government and indicate your desire to attend this event and seek appropriate funding. Delegates are responsible for funding their own travel expenses to this event.

Members planning to attend must register directly with GOPAC by November 20th:

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We hope that you can join us in Jordan and be part of this significant mobilization of parliamentarians for integrity in governance. Should you have any questions please contact Meaghan Campbell at the GOPAC secretariat in Ottawa, Canada by e-mail at campbme@parl.gc.ca.



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