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Edgardo J Angara Stands Down as Chair of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption

Ottawa, Canada – Edgardo J Angara has informed the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) of his decision to temporarily stand down as Chair of the Board, to focus on refuting allegations published in the Philippines Commission on Audit report, concerning his management of Priority Development Assistance Fund grants during his tenure as a Philippine Senator.

“Mr Angara’s decision to stand down demonstrates a commitment to leading GOPAC by example and not just by holding office,” said Akaash Maharaj, GOPAC Executive Director. “His actions are in line with our Code of Conduct, which requires all of us to put the best interests of our anti-corruption mandate ahead of ourselves, and to meet the same standards that we call for in others.”

In accordance with its constitution, GOPAC’s Vice Chair, Ricardo Garcia Cervantes of Mexico, will assume the duties of the Chair until Mr Angara is able to clear his name. Mr Garcia Cervantes has served as Vice Chair of GOPAC since 2011. He is a former Federal Representative and a former Senator of Mexico, and currently serves as Mexico’s Deputy Attorney General for Human Rights, Crime Prevention, and Community Services.

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