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**GOPAC** is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law.

## On International Anti-Corruption Day, GOPAC Calls on Parliamentarians Across the Globe to Join the Worldwide Movement to Deem Grand Corruption a Crime Against Humanity

**Ottawa, Canada** – As the world honours International Anti-Corruption Day, 9 December 2013, the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) is calling on parliamentarians to join the worldwide movement to deem grand corruption a Crime Against Humanity.

On 27 November 2013, at the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, GOPAC members from across the world unanimously adopted a declaration to declare grand corruption – the worst forms of corruption – to be crimes against humanity, which should be prosecuted by the highest national and international institutions.

“Grand corruption encompasses the most egregious forms of corruption – crimes so grave that they are an affront to human decency and harm the well-being of civil society around the world,” said Ricardo Garcia Cervantes, Chair of GOPAC. “If we are to thwart the perpetrators of these crimes, parliamentarians, governments, institutions and NGOs must band together.”

In 2003, the United Nations General Assembly designated 9 December to be International Anti-Corruption Day, to encourage the nations and the peoples of the world to stand together against domestic and international corruption.

“GOPAC strongly supports International Anti-Corruption Day and as a proud leader in the fight against corruption encourages society at large to join us throughout the year,” concluded Mr Garcia Cervantes.

GOPAC is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law. Based in Ottawa, Canada, GOPAC has 49 national chapters on 5 continents. GOPAC supports its members’ efforts through original research, global anti-corruption capacity building, and international peer support. Visit GOPAC on the web at [gopacnetwork.org](http://gopacnetwork.org), on Twitter at [twitter.com/GOPAC\\_Eng](https://twitter.com/GOPAC_Eng), and on Facebook at [facebook.com/gopacnetwork](https://facebook.com/gopacnetwork)

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