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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. GOPAC has 57 national chapters on 5 regions. GOPAC supports its members' efforts through original research, global anticorruption capacity building, and international peer support.

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## GOPAC DOHA OFFICE INAUGURATION

**Doha, Qatar** - GOPAC Chair who is also the Speaker of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, H.E. Ahmad bin Abdullah bin Zaid Al Mahmoud inaugurated GOPAC Doha Office on Sunday, 6 June 2021. The inauguration of the office was held both offline and online broadcasted via Zoom platform and YouTube of the Shura Council.

During his opening remarks, H.E. Ahmad bin Abdullah bin Zaid Al Mahmoud expressed his sincere gratitude and appreciation to His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani for his continuous support and commitment to combating corruption, including his remarkable initiative to establish Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani International Award for Excellence in Anti-Corruption, which is awarded to distinguished people in the anti-corruption field each year in conjunction with the celebration of the International Anti-Corruption Day.

At these unprecedented times of crisis, GOPAC Chair calls for fellow parliamentarians to redouble efforts to present initiative and supervise the disbursement of funds allocated for Covid-19 recovery, including ensuring economic stimulus delivered to those who needed the most.

Under his chairmanship, the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption has been actively involved in the preparatory process of the first UN General Assembly Against Corruption pushing for the role of parliament to be recognized and included in the UNGASS political declaration. As GOPAC Strategic Plan for the next two years has been approved by all of its members during the 2020 Annual General Meeting, the organization will move forward to implement anti-corruption programs for parliamentarians.

The program will also touch upon actions to follow up the UNGASS Political Declaration. GOPAC also eyeing for a membership expansion, targeting more regional and national chapters to be established.

Currently, GOPAC has 64 National Chapters, 5 regional chapters, and 2 regional chapters in development across the globe.





As the sole international network of parliamentarians dedicated to combating and preventing corruption, GOPAC called the international community to address the scourge of corruption and effectively implement its international commitments to combat it.

The opening ceremony was also attended by His Excellency Mr. Hamad bin Nasser Al-Misnad, Chairman of the Administrative Control and Transparency Authority State of Qatar, and ARPAC Chair Dr. Naser Al-Sane. GOPAC Executive Committee Hon. Dr. Fadli Zon, Dr. Carlos Alberto Perez Cuevas, Mr. John Hyde, and GOPAC members also attended the ceremony virtually.

## **GOPAC Secretariat**