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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 anti-corruption capacity building, and international peer support.

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GOPAC Chair's Message

on the International Anti-Corruption Day 2018

"United Against Corruption for Development, Peace, and Security"

Jakarta, Indonesia – The modern democracy has been harmed by the widespread of corrupt practices around the globe. Corruption hinders development, disrupt peace, and a barrier in maintaining stable security. Thus, eradicating corruption by strengthening the anti-corruption movement by collaborative action is essential in ensuring peace and creating sustainable development.

GOPAC has no doubt that parliaments play a key role in the anti-corruption global movement. Parliamentarians through their constitutional mandates can embrace transparency, expose and denounce corruption, as well as engage with other institutions to combat corrupt practices. Parliamentarians are valuable partners in ensuring accountable, inclusive, participatory and transparent political process. Parliaments must continue to be strategically empowered, actively engaged, and sufficiently equipped to achieve a sustainable peace for the international society.

As the only international network of parliamentarians dedicated to combat corruption, GOPAC has been actively promoting the role of parliamentarians to make progress in deterring corruption through various projects and programs. For instance, GOPAC has been working with the Indonesian House of Representatives to encourage [Open Parliament Indonesia](#) initiative, and the need to be more inclusive and transparent.

GOPAC also actively promotes collaborative engagement with government, civil society, and other relevant stakeholders in ensuring a more coordinated fight against corruption. Recently, during the [139th Inter-Parliamentary Union \(IPU\) Assembly](#), we addressed the importance of parliamentary leadership in promoting peace and development through an anti-corruption global movement.

Further at the [18th International Anti-Corruption Conference \(IACC\)](#), we urged parliamentarians to develop strategic partnerships across their communities to circumvent corrupt practices and support the inclusive, transparent, accountable, and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

On this year's International Anti-Corruption Day, GOPAC urges everyone, particularly parliamentarians around the globe, to be [#UnitedAgainstCorruption](#). GOPAC calls for concerted efforts of the global community to include parliaments in the anti-corruption discourse.

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