

## **GOPAC Chair Remarks for SEAPAC Webinar 9 February 2021**

***Assalamualaikum Warrahmatullah Wabarakatuh,  
Peace be upon us all,***

***Excellencies,  
Honorable,  
Distinguished Guests,***

I am honored to have the opportunity to deliver opening remarks in this South East Asia Parliamentarians against Corruption (SEAPAC) Information Webinar on the 2021 UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) against Corruption.

I feel blessed that several regional chapters of GOPAC have been in a very active state including SEAPAC. I should congratulate Dr. Zon and SEAPAC Executives as well as its Secretariat for convening this momentous event. This year, GOPAC will have the opportunity to take part in the upcoming UNGASS with an umbrella topic that is pertinent to our work.

Upon my election as the chairman of the organization in 2019, I have a mission to expand and elevate the visibility of GOPAC on par with those other international organizations. I have designed several agendas including building partnerships with the United Nations, to speak with the Secretary-General himself for further collaboration, and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, among others.

I have already established a Secretariat Office in Doha so that GOPAC's staffers can exercise their work at best. Only due to the COVID-19 pandemic, mobility is halted.

However, we cannot let the pandemic hampering us down. We will move forward, engage, and delivers more actions and program this year.

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As an international parliamentarians-network holding a Special Consultative Status with the UN ECOSOC, GOPAC has the opportunity to deeply engage with the UN

agenda. We even involve in the preparation meeting for the UNGASS. GOPAC has already submitted its parliamentarians-dimension contribution to UNGASS with the expectation to shape its outcome: the political declaration.

But our roles should not stop there.

As parliamentarians, we have a duty to hold the government to account. Our people call upon us to watch their money being spent and to ensure that it delivers to those who are needed the most. We have a future responsibility to secure generations years to come and enable them to live just and prosperous.

Aside from that, as international and regional parliamentarians-networks, GOPAC and SEAPAC have the power to drive the national and international landscape against corruption. Therefore, I encourage you to use your constitutional mandate for the good of our values. Explore the uncharted territory of the anti-corruption international regime. Voice a better change in the ways of our international community act against corruption.

That is what GOPAC fights for. Make that your fight.

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GOPAC thanks SEAPAC and other regional chapters for advocating more knowledge for parliamentarians, providing numerous tools to advance the legislators' works and connecting networks for peer support and shared experiences. This SEAPAC Information Webinar UNGASS Webinar is a preparatory step for parliamentarians for devising more actions of what to comes after the 2021 UNGASS.

GOPAC stands ready to support SEAPAC and other regional chapters for that purpose. After all, our very foundation network comes from you, the members, and regional chapters.

Let this be a successful endeavor for tomorrow's future.

***Thank You.  
Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.***