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Biographical Summary



David Donat Cattin (Ph.D Law) is the Secretary-General of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA). PGA is a non-profit, non-partisan international network of over 1,000 legislators in approximately 140 elected parliaments around the globe that aims to promote peace, democracy, the rule of law, human rights, gender equality and population issues by informing, convening, and mobilizing parliamentarians to realize these goals. These MPs join PGA because they are committed to the goals of the organization and participate in its activities *pro-bono causa*. PGA was established in 1978-1979 in Washington, DC, U.S.A. by concerned parliamentarians from around the world to take joint action on global problems, which could not be solved by any one government or parliament. While its initial driving force was on the critical need for nuclear disarmament, PGA today works on an expanded list of global issues such as fostering democracy, conflict prevention and management, international law and human rights population, and environment.

Over the last thirteen years **David Donat Cattin** worked to promote the universality and effectiveness of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Statute in approximately 100 countries. With his assistance and under his coordination, PGA Members contributed to the ratification process of 76 out the current 122 States Parties to the Rome Statute, including the ratifications/accessions by Japan (2007); The Philippines, The Maldives, Cape Verde and Vanuatu (2011); Guatemala (2012) and Cote d'Ivoire (2013).

Dr. Donat Cattin is fluent in English, Italian, French and Spanish. He holds a post-doctorate diploma from the Center for Studies and Research of The Hague Academy of International Law (2002), a Ph.D. in Public International Law (2000) from the Faculty of Law of the University of Teramo (Italy), a 'magna cum laude' law degree (1994) from the LUISS-Guido Carli University of Rome. His writings on international criminal law appeared on well known scholarly works, such as Triffterer's "*Commentary on the Rome Statute of the ICC*" (I ed. 1999; II ed. 2008; *upcoming* III ed. 2014), Lattanzi & Schabas' "*Essays on the Rome Statute of the ICC*" (vol. I, 1999; vol. II, 2004) and van den Herik & Stahn's "*The Diversification and Fragmentation of International Criminal Law*" (2012). Since May 2012, he is Adjunct Assistant Professor of International Law at New York University (NYU) Center for Global Affairs. Since August 1999, he is a lecturer at the Salzburg Law School on Int. Criminal

Law, Faculty of Law, University of Salzburg (Austria), which takes place every summer and hosts some of the most prominent International Criminal Law practitioners and academics. Among the academic institutions in which he gave presentations and lectures, it is noteworthy to mention the University of Botswana in Gaborone, the Brazilian Institute of Criminal Sciences (IBCCRIM) in Sao Paulo, Freie Univ. and Humboldt Univ. in Berlin (Germany), the Italian Society of International Organisation (SIOI), the TMC Asser Institute for International Law in The Hague and the Hague Academy of International Law (The Netherlands), the Faculty of Law at Cambridge University (UK), the City University of New York and NYU School of Law (USA). He has been heard as expert-witness on the ICC and its impact on conflicts in Africa by the German Bundestag, Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs (Sept. 2007) and on the situation in Darfur by the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Sub-Committee on Human Rights (Dec. 2008 and Feb. 2009). He also intervened on the ICC and the fight against impunity in the European Parliament, Sub-Committee on Human Rights (April 2010) and in the plenary of the Africa-Caribbean-Pacific—European Union Joint Parliamentary Assembly (March 2008).

Dr. Donat Cattin has been cited or interviewed in a number of international media on international criminal justice issues. These media include: BBC World Service, Reuters, Al-Jazeera (Eng), Deutsche Welle, Radio Netherlands Worldwide (RNW), Sky TG 24 (Italy), Radio Rai 2 (Italy), Radiotelevisione Svizzera Italiana (RSI, Switzerland), Inter-Press Service, and Institute for War and Peace Reporting.