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PREPARATIONS FOR THE 3rd WORLD CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS OF PARLIAMENT

The President of the IPU has established a Preparatory Committee to assist in organizing the 3rd World Conference of Speakers of Parliament. The composition of the Committee is contained in [Annex I](#).

The Preparatory Committee held its first meeting at IPU Headquarters in Geneva on 16 and 17 July 2009.

The Preparatory Committee decided that the 3rd World Conference of Speakers of Parliament will take place at the United Nations Office in Geneva in July 2010, on dates to be set in consultation with the United Nations. A summary of the Committee's decisions is to be found in [Annex II](#).

The next meeting of the Preparatory Committee will take place at UN Headquarters in New York on 16-17 November, just before the Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations. It is expected that the Committee's third meeting will be held on the eve of the Speakers Conference in July next year.

Preparatory Committee of the Third World Conference of Speakers of Parliament

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Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

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Ms. Jozefina Topalli, Speaker of the Parliament of Albania

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Mr. A. Majali, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Jordan

Mr. Ural Mukhamejanov, Chairman of the Mazhilis of Kazakhstan

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Mr. Samuel John Sitta, Speaker of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania

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Mr. Mathurin Nago, President of the National Assembly of Benin

Ms. Elsa Papademetriou, Vice-President of the IPU and of the Parliament of Greece

Senator Pia Cayetano (Philippines), President IPU Coord. Committee of Women Parliamentarians

Mr. Ngo Anh Dzung, (Viet Nam), Member of the IPU Executive Committee

Senior representative of the United Nations Secretary-General

Mr. Kishore Mandhyan, Deputy Political Director, Executive Office of the Secretary-General

Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Mr. Anders B. Johnsson

FIRST MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
of the
3rd WORLD CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS OF PARLIAMENTS

Summary of decisions

- The 3rd World Conference of Speakers of Parliament will take place in Geneva in July 2010.
- It will be held at the United Nations in Geneva in the presence of the UN Secretary-General and the President of the UN General Assembly.
- The exact dates of the conference will be set in consultation with the United Nations.
- The outcome of the Conference will be presented to the United Nations 2010 Summit.
- The broad theme for the parliamentary summit will be: *Parliaments in a world of crisis: securing global democratic accountability for the common good.*
- The theme will permit the Speakers' conference to address a large number of issues relating to peace, democracy, development and cooperation. That includes gender equality and violence against women issues, as proposed by the 2009 meeting of Women Speakers (Vienna, 13 and 14 July).
- The chosen theme will permit the Speakers to focus on the role they foresee for Parliaments in furthering the objectives of the Conference both at the national level and in relation to multilateral processes and institutions. The summit should set clear and measurable targets for parliaments to achieve.
- The summit will also formulate recommendations relating to the relationship between parliaments, the IPU and the United Nations.
- The Speakers' Conference will hold a plenary debate on the theme of the conference.
- Arrangements will be made for Speakers to have bilateral meetings.
- Parallel events may be organized in the course of the Conference. Any decision to this effect will be taken at the next meeting on the basis of proposals prepared by the IPU.
- Speakers of all national Parliaments of sovereign States (including both Speakers in bi-cameral Parliaments) will be invited to participate in the conference.
- Invitations will also be extended to Presidents of regional Parliamentary assemblies and organizations on the basis of a list to be agreed upon.
- The next meeting of the Preparatory Committee will take place in New York on 16 and 17 November 2009.
- The IPU will follow up on the many views expressed during the discussions and prepare more detailed proposals for decisions by the Preparatory Committee at its next meeting.
- The IPU will also start preparing an initial draft outcome document for the Speakers' Conference.