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### Provisional draft agenda

- 1. Report of the Advisory Group of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs**  
*The Chairman of the Advisory Group of the Committee on United Nations Affairs, Mr. F.M. Vallersnes, will present the report on the Group's meeting held in Geneva on 18 July 2008.*
- 2. Report on the field visit to Tanzania.**  
*The first field visit by the Advisory Group took place in Tanzania from 8 to 10 September. Its purpose was to investigate the United Nations activities to promote greater system-wide coherence within one of the pilot countries, and the involvement of the national parliament in those activities. The Advisory Group rapporteur will submit a report on the visit and present its findings and conclusions for discussion. Committee members are also encouraged to consult the UN Co-Chairs' report on system-wide coherence.*
- 3. Biennial Report of the UN Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and IPU**  
*The Committee will hear a presentation of the report and its conclusions. The report can be consulted on the UN and IPU websites once it is released in late September.*
- 4. IPU survey on interaction between Parliaments and the United Nations**  
*The Committee will hear a presentation of the survey questionnaire which has been prepared for submission to all parliaments.*
- 5. Accra Agenda for Action**  
*As described in the report on the field visit of the Committee's Advisory Group, the Third High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, held in Accra in September 2008, adopted an Agenda For Action which, inter alia, calls for stronger parliamentary accountability in the sphere of development aid. A senior official from the OECD will make a presentation and take questions from the floor.*
- 6. The global food crisis**  
*Against the backdrop of the current global food crisis, the Committee will be briefed on activities to mitigate its impact. Senior officials from the United Nations System will give presentations and take questions from the floor.*
- 7. Report of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs to the IPU Assembly**
- 8. Other business**