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CONVOCATION OF THE IPU COMMITTEE ON UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS

Madam President,
Mr. President,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs will convene during the 121st IPU Assembly from Monday, 19 to Wednesday, 21 October 2009.

1. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will adopt its agenda in the light of most recent developments, including responses received from major UN agencies which have been invited to provide information on their work and respond to questions.

2. IPU survey on interaction between Parliaments and the United Nations

The Committee will hear a presentation of some of the findings of the survey. The Committee is invited to discuss the different practices and recommend avenues for future action.

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and parliamentary assemblies and organizations

Representatives of regional and other parliamentary assemblies and organizations are invited to report on their work with the United Nations. The Committee will then discuss how to achieve closer cooperation within the parliamentary community at the regional and global levels.

4. Status of United Nations reform and system-wide coherence: report on the field visit to Viet Nam

The Committee will hear a presentation on progress in United Nations reform and system wide coherence. It will also be briefed on the results of an Advisory Group field mission to Viet Nam earlier this year to examine One UN reform in one of the pilot countries, and the involvement of the parliament.

5. United Nations Climate Change Conference: progress and remaining challenges

In December 2009, Copenhagen will host the UN Climate Change Conference, tasked with forging a post-Kyoto Protocol limiting greenhouse emissions. The Committee will be briefed on the current negotiations, challenges and requirements for a successful outcome.

6. Parliamentary oversight of state policies on foreign aid

The Committee will be briefed on recent IPU initiatives aimed at more effective parliamentary oversight of state policies on foreign aid. The Committee will be invited to discuss efforts in national parliaments to implement the IPU Resolution on the subject adopted by the 118th Assembly of the IPU - <http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/118/118-2.htm>.

7. Report of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs to the IPU Assembly**8. Other business****2. TIMETABLE**

The Committee will meet on Monday 19 October from 9 to 1 p.m. when it will consider items, 1 - 3 of its agenda, and from 2.30 to 6 p.m. when it will deal with items 4 and 5. On Tuesday, 20 October it will convene from 2 to 5 p.m. to consider item 6 of the agenda. The Committee will adopt its report and deal with any other business (items 7 and 8) at its last sitting on Wednesday, 21 October from 11 to 1 p.m.

3. PARTICIPATION

All IPU Members, Associate Members and international organizations and other bodies attending the Assembly as observers are invited to participate in the work of the Committee.

4. ADVISORY GROUP

The Advisory Group is mandated to steer the work of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs. It will meet on Wednesday, 21 October from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to draft the Committee's report and discuss future action.

5. LANGUAGES

The Secretariat of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will provide simultaneous interpretation into and from the two official languages of the Union: English and French, as well as Arabic and Spanish, at the meetings of the Committee. Three other interpretation channels have been reserved for Chinese, Japanese and Russian.

Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one of the IPU's official languages, and that copies of the speech be given to the Chief Interpreter (Ms. F. Steinig-Huang) well in advance and no later than two hours before it is to be delivered.

We look forward to fruitful discussions in the Committee and remain,

Yours sincerely,



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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union