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Fourth Parliamentary Forum on Shaping the Information Society The Triple Challenge of Cyber-Security: Information, Citizens and Infrastructure

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Template for advance contributions

In order to stimulate the debate and the sharing of experiences, the co-organizers of the Fourth Parliamentary Forum strongly encourage parliaments to submit a brief report of no more than 10 pages describing the different parliamentary actions implemented at the national level to address the global issues of cybersecurity and the safeguard of citizens' freedoms and fundamental human rights.

The Report should be sent to the e-mail address: <u>info@ictparliament.org</u> by 6 May 2011.

Please find below some main points that might assist in the preparation of the report.

Point 1: A brief overview of the laws and regulatory frameworks enacted at the national level to respond to cyber-security challenges and of the Committee(s) assigned with the responsibilities to follow these matters within the legislature.

Point 2: A brief description of the elements of the national digital agenda and/or national security strategy, if available, that are designed to instill confidence in citizens to engage in online activity, safeguard their privacy and fundamental human rights on the Internet, protect children online, protect infrastructure from cyber-attacks, etc.

Point 3: A description of the challenges encountered and lessons learnt regarding the response to online threats, for example concerning the functioning of national law enforcement agencies, the establishment of independent authorities for data protection, international cooperation for the investigation and prosecution of cybercrimes, etc.

Point 4: A brief but detailed description of the actions taken by parliament to address cyber-security issues. Please include actions taken in plenary or in committees on the whole spectrum of the parliament's legislative, oversight and representative functions (laws passed in the past years, hearings held, investigative actions, budget scrutiny, etc.).

Point 5: A brief description of bi-lateral or international inter-parliamentary cooperation mechanisms that the country is party of, for the specific purpose of coordination on cyber-security issues.