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Madam President,
Mr. President,

At the 120th IPU Assembly held in Addis Ababa last year, delegates adopted by consensus an ambitious resolution on the role of parliaments in advancing nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament (<http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/120/120-1.htm>). The resolution encourages all parliaments to take an active interest in the issue and act in support of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

I am now writing to inform you that the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the NPT treaty will take place in New York from 3 to 28 May 2010, and to encourage your parliament to be part of the delegation from your country that will participate in that conference. The agenda and related documents of the conference will soon be made available by the United Nations at <http://www.un.org/disarmament/WMD/Nuclear/NPT2010Prepcom/2010npt.shtml>.

I also take this opportunity to invite those members of your parliament who will be present in New York for this event to take part in a parliamentary meeting organized by the IPU in the afternoon of Wednesday 5 May, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for members of parliament to be briefed on the Review Conference by the United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Sergio Duarte, and to discuss action they can take to promote progress in the negotiations. The meeting will also offer them an opportunity to exchange information on action they have taken to follow up on the resolution adopted at the 120th IPU Assembly.

The meeting will be held across the street from United Nations Headquarters, which is currently undergoing renovation, at 777 United Nations Plaza (conference facility on the corner of 44th Street and 1st Avenue,). Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

I invite delegations to confirm their participation in the meeting with the IPU Office to the United Nations in New York, by email at ny-office@mail.ipu.org or by fax at +1212 557 3954, using the attached registration form. In accordance with established practice, delegations are requested to make arrangements for UN badges and local accommodation through their Permanent Missions in New York.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that the United Nations welcomes the growing practice of including legislators as members of national delegations to major UN meetings and events and, in General Assembly resolution 63/24, invites Member States to continue this practice in a more regular and systematic manner. You may therefore wish to ensure that members of your parliament who are active in nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation issues are included in your country's delegation to the NPT Review Conference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anders B. Johnsson', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Anders B. Johnsson
Secretary General