



REPUBLIK ÖSTERREICH
Parlament

Geneva, 23 April 2010

Parliamentary meeting on the occasion of the XVIII International AIDS Conference
Legislative aspects of HIV relating to key affected populations
Vienna, 20 July 2010

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

We are pleased to announce that the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Parliament of Austria will be holding a parliamentary meeting on the occasion of the XVIII International AIDS Conference (18-23 July 2010; www.aids2010.org/). The theme of the parliamentary event will be *Legislative aspects of HIV relating to key affected populations*. It will take place in the Parliament Building on Tuesday, 20 July 2010, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The parliamentary meeting will be divided into two sessions. In the morning session, the participants will focus on how to strike a balance between criminal law and public health in the field of HIV/AIDS so that both can function as effectively as possible. The afternoon session will be dedicated to human rights concerns associated with interventions to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV, and will seek to identify ways to expand treatment programmes for women living with HIV. Interpretation will be provided in English, French, German and Russian.

We hope that you will encourage members of your parliament to participate in the XVIII International AIDS Conference and attend the parliamentary meeting on 20 July. Please find enclosed a draft programme and registration form, which we invite your parliament to complete and return to the Parliament of Austria and the IPU Secretariat by **18 June 2010 latest**. These and other documents relating to the parliamentary meeting are also available on the IPU website at: www.ipu.org/strct-e/futrmets.htm.

We very much hope to have the pleasure of welcoming a delegation from your parliament to Vienna next July.

Yours sincerely,

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