



PARLIAMENTARY MEETING ON THE OCCASION OF THE XVIII
INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

Legislative aspects of HIV relating to key affected populations

Parliament Building (Room VI), Vienna, 20 July 2010



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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

8:30 – 10:00 **Registration of participants**

10:00-10:30 **Introductory statements by**

Mr. Martin Preiner, President of the Federal Council, Parliament of Austria
Mr. Geert Versnick, Vice-President of the IPU

10:30-13:00 **Session I: Criminal justice and public health: finding the balance**

Chair: Ms. Petra Bayr, Member of the National Council, Parliament of Austria

The primary means by which HIV is spread (sexual behavior and drug use) are controversial areas in both the legal and public health fields. Research, social norms, and personal values about sex and drug use – and consequently about HIV and its prevention – vary greatly. Not surprisingly, the issue of using criminal law to punish HIV exposure is hotly contested. The session will discuss the ways to find a balance between criminal law and public health in a field such as HIV/AIDS, where knowledge about the virus, its transmission and how to prevent transmission continues to advance and change.

Prof. Manfred Nowak, Scientific Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture

Ms. Felicita Hikuam, Programmes Manager, AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa

Mr. Mikhail Grishankov, Member of the State Duma, Russian Federation

Ms. Susan Timberlake, Senior Human Rights and Law Adviser, UNAIDS

13.00-14.30 **Lunch break**

Luncheon will be served in the Marble Hall of the Parliament Building.

14:30-17:30 **Session II: Human rights in the PMTCT context**

Chair: Mr. David Cairns, MP United Kingdom

Pregnant women are increasingly at the center of global HIV prevention efforts. Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) programs implicate certain fundamental human rights regarding liberty, security of person, privacy, health, and freedom from discrimination. These rights are undermined where women are denied the opportunity to give informed consent to HIV testing and treatment, where their confidentiality is not respected, and where their involvement in PMTCT programs serves to reinforce discrimination and stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. The session will discuss the human rights concerns associated with PMTCT interventions, and ways to expand the scope of the programs from protecting the health of fetuses and newborns to treating women living with HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Chewe Luo, Senior Advisor HIV/AIDS, UNICEF

Ms. Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, Deputy Minister of Public Works, Republic of South Africa, Chair of the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS

Dr. Marleen Temmerman, Senator Belgium, Member of the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS

17.30-18.00 **Closing ceremony**
