Dear Members of Parliament,

We would like to extend to you our warm welcome to the Parliamentary Forum that will be held on the occasion of the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-4) in Busan. The Parliamentary Forum will be organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, AWEPA and the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea. It will take place on 29 November 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in room 205 of BEXCO Conference Center.

The Parliamentary Forum aims to ensure that parliamentary perspectives are adequately taken into account in the final outcome document to emerge from the HLF-4 and within the aid reform process going forward. In doing so, the event will serve as an opportunity for members of parliament to debate and coordinate their inputs to the discussions of the main meetings. The discussion will be forward-looking with a focus on how parliaments and other development actors can work together in translating future commitments on effective development cooperation into reality. The languages of the parliamentary session will be English, French, Korean and Spanish. We are pleased to attach a draft agenda, registration form and other documents of the meeting.

We are also pleased to inform you that the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea will host lunch for the parliamentarians attending the Parliamentary Forum at 1:00 p.m. in Paradise Hotel. The shuttle services between the Hotel and BEXCO Conference Center will be provided. Please confirm your presence in the lunch to Ms. Park Eun-hui (ehpark06@mofat.go.kr) at your earliest convenience. The Parliamentary Forum will conclude with an official dinner hosted by the Mayor of Busan at 7:00 p.m. at Exhibition Hall 2A, BEXCO, along with the other participants of the HLF-4.

Further information about the Parliamentary Forum is posted on the IPU website at http://www.ipu.org/splze/busane11.htm. Aleksandra Blagojević, Programme Officer from the IPU Secretariat, and Kristen Heim, Programme Manager from AWEPA, are responsible for coordinating preparations for the Parliamentary Forum and will be pleased to provide further information about this important event. Ms. Blagojević can be reached at ab@mail.ipu.org and + 41 22 919 41 83. Ms. Heim can be reached at k.heim@awepa.org and +31 20 524 56 51.

Yours sincerely,

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