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ADVANCE NOTICE: ACCOMMODATION IN CANCUN

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

Further to my circular note of 13 May 2003 concerning the forthcoming Cancún session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO, to be held jointly by the IPU and the European Parliament on the occasion of the fifth WTO Ministerial Conference next September, I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the availability of hotel rooms in Cancún at the time of the Conference will be very limited. In fact, nearly all hotels in the vicinity of the Conference Centre have been pre-booked by the Mexican Organizing Committee (MOC) for the exclusive use of official delegations attending the WTO Conference.

It is for this reason that I advised you in my previous note to see to it that senior members of your Parliament who are active on trade and development issues are included in your country's official delegation to the WTO Conference and arrive in Cancún in time for the parliamentary session, tentatively scheduled for 9 September 2003. This is by far the best way of having the visa and accommodation needs of your delegation met by MOC in a centralized way.

As an alternative, the Mexican Parliament has pre-booked a certain number of rooms specifically for parliamentary delegates who will come to Cancún separately from their official delegation to the WTO Conference. The rooms will be released on a first-come-first-served basis. In order to make the booking, relevant requests should be addressed by **30 June 2003 at the latest** directly to the hotel as follows:

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In order to obtain the special WTO tariff, please mention "parliamentary session" in your request. I strongly urge you to make the booking as soon as possible and certainly before the expiry date indicated above.