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World e-Parliament Conference 2007

Challenges and benefits of ICT in parliamentary processes

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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

We are pleased to inform you that a **World e-Parliament Conference** will take place in Geneva on **Thursday, 11 October 2007**. The Conference is being organised jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP), with the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament.

The World e-Parliament Conference will be an expert forum on the use of new technologies to modernize parliamentary processes and improve parliamentary dialogue with citizens. It will provide an opportunity to debate the challenges and benefits provided by ICT and will analyze successful approaches, identify good practices and lessons learned.

The Conference is aimed at parliamentarians, Secretaries General and parliamentary staff and officials who work with ICT, such as legislative staff, IT administrators, knowledge managers and librarians.

The one-day Conference is being held immediately after the 117th IPU Assembly to facilitate the participation of delegates who may already be in Geneva for the IPU Assembly and the ASGP meeting.

In addition to the Conference, we hope that many parliamentary staff and officials will be able to take part in an **International workshop** on technical aspects of ICT in parliament that will be organized by the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament on **Wednesday, 10 October**.

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Moreover, following the Conference, the first face-to-face meeting of members of the **Global Network of IT Experts in Parliament** will take place on **Friday, 12 October 2007**, by invitation only. The Global Network was set up by the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament in May 2007 as an online platform where IT experts can exchange information on the use of new technologies in parliament. More information is available on the web site of the Global Centre (www.ictparliament.org).

Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish on all three days.

The provisional agenda for the Conference and the International workshop are enclosed, as well as a registration form. A full set of background documents, including a practical information note, will be posted on the web sites of the IPU and the Global Centre in September 2007.

We very much hope that your parliament will participate in this event and look forward to receiving the names of your delegates in due course.

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