

UNION INTERPARLEMENTAIRE



INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

TELEPHONE + 41 22 919 41 50
FAX + 41 22 919 41 60
E-MAIL postbox@mail.ipu.org

CHEMIN DU POMMIER 5
CASE POSTALE 330
1218 GRAND-SACONNEX, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

SEMINAR ON
PROMOTING THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT: THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT
BERN, 20 OCTOBRE 2011

Geneva, 5 September 2011

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to invite your parliament to take part in an information seminar on the right to development organized by the IPU in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, on 20 October 2011, in the wings of the 125th IPU Assembly in Bern, Switzerland.

The right to development remains a topical issue due to the numerous challenges associated with guaranteeing a decent life for a significant portion of the world's peoples. Specialists in the field are of the opinion that this right could be fully realized through the effective implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. This would require enhanced cooperation among all stakeholders at both the national and international levels as well as political commitment.

Among those stakeholders, parliament has a significant contribution to make in terms of its constitutional powers. First of all, however, it is important to fully grasp this question and understand what action can be taken.

The seminar will seek to inform parliamentarians about the right to development, how it is inextricably linked to human rights and explore the possibilities of a parliamentary contribution to implementing relevant international human rights standards and, consequently, the right to development, so that this right can become a reality for all.

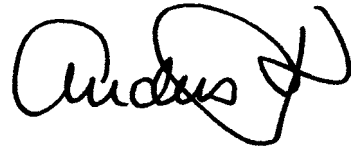
Members of the United Nations Committee on Civil and Political Rights and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights have been invited to lend their expertise to the seminar. Please find attached the provisional seminar programme. The final version will be posted shortly on the IPU website.



It is my sincere hope that a delegation from your parliament will be able to participate in this seminar. I would be grateful if you could ensure that your parliament completes the attached registration form and returns it to the IPU by 23 September 2011 latest. Please note that this document along with the provisional programme and registration form of the seminar are available on the IPU website at <http://www.ipu.org/strct-e/futrmets.htm>.

I look forward to your parliament's participation in this seminar.

Please accept, Madam President, Mr. President, the assurance of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anders B. Johnsson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anders B. Johnsson
Secretary General