



SENATE OF PAKISTAN

Developing a protective environment for South Asian children: The role of Parliamentarians in the protection of children in the Juvenile Justice System

Regional parliamentary seminar hosted by Parliament of Pakistan and organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Islamabad, 27-29 June 2007



INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

General Information

The regional seminar for Parliaments on "*Developing a protective environment for South Asian children: The role of Parliamentarians in the protection of children in the Juvenile Justice System*", organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and UNICEF and at the invitation of the Senate of Pakistan will be held in Islamabad from 27-29 June 2007.

REGISTRATION

Invited parliaments are requested to send their list of participants attending the Seminar as soon as possible and **not later than 5 June 2007**, using the enclosed Registration Form, to the following addresses:

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND RESERVATIONS

For practical reasons, it is proposed that participants stay at the Marriott or Sheraton Hotels. To that end the Senate of Pakistan has negotiated special rates of between 200 and 220 US dollars per room, including breakfast. Delegates shall have to pay their own accommodation charges directly to the hotel. Participants who would prefer accommodation in other hotels are kindly requested to inform the Senate of Pakistan, which will make the necessary arrangements.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

In order to ensure an efficient reception service, all participants are kindly requested to provide sufficient arrival and departure information, including dates, flight numbers and arrival and departure times on the hotel reservation form.

A reception service will be provided for participants at Islamabad from 26 June 2007.

The reception service will assist with arrival and formalities and transfers to the hotels. This service will also operate at the end of the Seminar to assist participants with transfers from their hotels to the airport.

VISAS

Participants from all countries will need an entry visa for Pakistan. However, members of parliament from SAARC countries having stickers on their passports will not require a visa.

They are therefore requested to contact the nearest diplomatic mission of Pakistan where visas will be issued at no charge. Only in cases where it is impossible for participants to obtain a visa at home will a visa be delivered to them on arrival at Islamabad International Airport. These participants are requested to send a photocopy of their passport to the host Parliament indicating the precise date and time of arrival as well as their flight number.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

During the Seminar first aid facilities will be provided at the seminar venue. All other medical facilities and prescriptions will be at the participants' own expense.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK

A Registration and Information Desk will be available to participants at the seminar venue from 26 June to 30 June. It shall operate from 8 am to 7 pm daily.

Participants are kindly requested to register with this service as soon as possible after their arrival. It will issue identity badges, deal with enquiries concerning the Seminar and handle messages and mail.

SECURITY

All necessary security measures will be taken by the national authorities. Participants are required to wear their identity badges visibly at all times when they are in the Seminar venue and at all official functions during the Seminar.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

In June, the average maximum temperature in Islamabad is between 35 and 40 degrees centigrade.

CURRENCY REGULATIONS

In principle, there are no restrictions. Participants may import and export any amount of foreign currency provided this is declared upon entry into the country.

In April 2007, the exchange rate was about Rs. 60.50 to the US dollar.

TRANSPORT

Transport by bus will be provided to all Seminar participants between Islamabad International Airport and the hotels. Transport will also be provided between the hotels and the Seminar venue and for all official events during the Seminar.

PRESS OFFICE

A Press Office will operate in the Seminar venue. It will deal with the media: national international press, radio and television services. Journalists wishing to cover the Seminar are requested to obtain accreditation from the host Parliament.

OTHER SERVICES

The following services will be available to participants in the Seminar venue:

- Exchange/bank
- Travel agency
- International telephone and telefax (participants will pay for their calls when they are made)
- First aid service
- Restaurant, cafeteria and bar

SOCIAL EVENTS

The programme of social events will be communicated to participants in due course.