**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Monday, 19 July**

10 a.m. Inaugural ceremony, in the presence of the United Nations Secretary-General

10.30 a.m. Item 1: Adoption of the agenda and rules of the Conference

10.45 a.m. Item 2: Presentation of the report on *How parliaments organize their work with the United Nations*

Rapporteur: Mr. S.J. Sitta, Speaker of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania

11 a.m. Item 3: Presentation of reports on progress since the 2005 Speakers Conference:

(a) Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals

Rapporteur: Mr. M. Sisulu, Speaker of the National Assembly of South Africa

(b) Building global standards for democratic parliaments

Rapporteur: Ms. Rose Mukantabana, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda

(c) Strengthening the IPU and its relationship with the United Nations

Rapporteur: Mr. Geert Versnick, Vice-President of the IPU

11.45 a.m. Item 4: General debate: *Parliaments in a world of crisis: securing global democratic accountability for the common good*

12.30 p.m. Group photo of the Speakers of parliament

1 p.m. Luncheon hosted by the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union for the Speakers of Parliament (Delegates Restaurant, 8th floor, United Nations)

3 - 6 p.m. Item 4: Continuation of General Debate

7 p.m. Reception hosted by the Swiss Parliament for all delegates at the Bâtiment des Forces Motrices, Geneva
Tuesday, 20 July

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Item 4: Continuation of General Debate
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Panel discussion on *Countdown to 2015: Keeping our collective promise on the Millennium Development Goals* (Room XVI)
1 p.m. Informal lunchtime buffet and private screening of the documentary film "Countdown to Zero"
3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Item 4: Continuation of General Debate
3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Panel discussion on *Strengthening trust between parliament and the people* (Room XVI)

Wednesday, 21 July

10 a.m. Item 4: Continuation of General Debate
12 p.m. Item 5: Presentation of the report on the Sixth Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament
12.15 p.m. Item 6: Presentation of the reports on the Panel discussions:
(a) *Countdown to 2015: Keeping our collective promise on the Millennium Development Goals*
(b) *Strengthening trust between parliament and the people*
12.40 p.m. Item 7: Presentation and adoption of the Final Declaration
*Rapporteur: Mr. H. Jenkins, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia*
1 p.m. *Closure of the Conference*