



Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations



ECOSOC Chamber
19 – 20 November 2009

20 July 2009

CONVOCATION

Madam President,
Mr. President,

We are pleased to announce that the 2009 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations will take place during the 64th session of the General Assembly on 19 and 20 November 2009. It will be held in the ECOSOC Chamber at United Nations Headquarters in New York. We attach particular importance to this Hearing, which is convened as a joint UN-IPU event pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 61/6 and 63/24.

This year's meeting is entitled "***The Way Forward - Building political support and implementing effective responses to the global economic crisis***". You will find attached an information note and registration form. The full agenda and other relevant documentation will be sent to parliaments in September. Each session of the Hearing, to be organized in the form of panel discussions, will be assisted by a moderator, who will summarize the discussions and present conclusions and recommendations in the afternoon of the second day. A summary report of the Hearing will be issued as an official document of both IPU and the UN General Assembly.

As in the past, the 2009 Parliamentary Hearing will bring together legislators who are part of their national delegations to the United Nations General Assembly, as well as all other interested parliamentarians, in particular those whose work in their parliamentary committees concerns the main themes of the Hearing. We invite delegations to confirm their participation by November 10, 2009.

Yours sincerely,

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