



Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations

2-3 December 2010
United Nations Headquarters
New York



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Madam President,
Mr. President,

We are pleased to announce that the 2010 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations will take place during the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, on 2-3 December, at UN Headquarters in New York. We attach particular importance to this annual 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 ***Towards economic recovery: rethinking development, retooling global governance***. You will find attached an information note and registration form. The full agenda and other relevant documentation will be sent to parliaments in the coming weeks. The Hearing will take the form of panel discussions and inter-active exchanges with UN officials, experts and diplomatic representatives. It will examine aspects relating to:

- Current risks to economic recovery and the continuing structural imbalances in the global economy;
- Reform of the international financial system and a critical assessment of some of the key related issues;
- Rethinking sustainable development with the current global economic and environmental framework;
- Building leadership in global economic governance, empowering the United Nations and the role of the G-20;
- Securing transparency and accountability in global governance - the role of parliaments and of the IPU.

As in the past, the summary report of the Parliamentary Hearing will be circulated as an official document of both the IPU and the United Nations General Assembly. The meeting proposes to bring together legislators who are part of their national delegations to the UN General Assembly, as well as other interested parliamentarians, in particular those whose work in their parliamentary committees concerns the main themes of the Hearing. We invite parliaments to confirm their participation by 20 November.

Yours sincerely,

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