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**PARLIAMENTARY FORUM ON THE OCCASION OF
THE VIENNA FORUM TO FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING
VIENNA, 12 FEBRUARY 2008**

Background

The Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking - a global event - will take place from 13 to 15 February 2008 under the framework of the United Nations-sponsored Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking. The Forum will provide an open platform to share and assess existing data and research developed to date, raise awareness, and build upon existing and forge new partnerships to enable all parties involved to take concrete steps to fight human trafficking, within their respective spheres of action. The Forum will address such issues as vulnerabilities and root causes of human trafficking, its human and social consequences as well as innovative approaches to solving complex problems.

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Austrian Parliament, will organize a one-day Parliamentary Forum as a prelude to the main event, the Vienna Forum.

Objectives and outcomes

The Parliamentary Forum on Human Trafficking aims to bring a parliamentary dimension to the Vienna Forum. It will provide an opportunity for parliamentarians to discuss and share best practices in anti-human trafficking legislative review, among other issues. The discussion will focus on various legislative reforms required to bring national legislation in line with international standards and ensuring that the offence of trafficking is provided for in domestic criminal law. It will also include the criminalization of other offences related to trafficking in persons as well as protection, prosecution and prevention measures.

The proceedings of the Parliamentary Forum will be reflected in a handbook for parliamentarians against human trafficking, which is being prepared by UNODC in cooperation with the IPU.

Registration of participants

Participants at the Parliamentary Forum must be members of parliament and must be registered participants of the Vienna Forum. Participants must register on-line at the following website: <<http://www.ungift.org>> using the following password: 6NDE7AB5LL. Between 100 and 150 members of parliament are expected to attend the Parliamentary Forum. Each parliamentarian attending the event is invited to upload a photograph to facilitate the preparation of a security badge. Participants who are not in possession of a digital photograph should nevertheless register on-line and have their photograph taken on site at the Vienna Forum.

Date

The Parliamentary Forum will take place on 12 February 2008. Two sessions will be held, one from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and the other from 2 p.m. to 5p.m.

Venue

The Austrian Parliament will host the Parliamentary Forum in the plenary chamber of the National Council (Lower House of Parliament), located at: Dr. Karl-Renner-Ring 3, A-1017 Vienna, Austria.

Official languages

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Russian and Spanish. Official documentation will be available in English and French only.

Visas

Participants shall be responsible for obtaining entry visas for Austria.

Hotel accommodation

All participants are urged to book hotel accommodation as soon as possible and may consult the following website to do so on-line: <http://www.ungift.org>

The United Nations - as the organizers of the Vienna Forum - shall not be held responsible for booking hotel accommodation or for keeping hotel bookings on behalf of Vienna Forum participants. It is suggested that participants utilize the services of Carlson Wagonlit, which is the recommended accommodation and travel agent of the Vienna Forum.

Further information

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