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**IPU Regional Seminar on HIV and AIDS
TAKING EFFECTIVE PARLIAMENTARY ACTION AGAINST HIV AND AIDS
Hanoi, Vietnam, 10-12 December 2009**

Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our great pleasure to invite your parliament to the Regional Seminar on HIV and AIDS, which will be held from 10 to 12 December in Hanoi, Vietnam. This event is being organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the National Assembly of Vietnam.

The seminar is part of a series of regional training events that the IPU launched in the aftermath of the first Global Parliamentary Meeting on HIV/AIDS. Members of parliament involved in development and oversight of HIV-related legislation are the target audience of these seminars.

The Asia-Pacific seminar is intended for all parliaments belonging to the IPU Asia-Pacific Group. It will discuss the role of parliaments in addressing HIV prevalence among the populations at higher risk from HIV. The participants will consider the factors that increase people's vulnerability to the infection and the legal environment that could help the most-at-risk groups. The discussions will draw on the IPU Handbook for Parliamentarians on HIV and AIDS and the Conclusions of the first Global Parliamentary Meeting on HIV/AIDS.

We would be grateful if you could encourage members of your parliament who work in the sphere of HIV and AIDS to attend the regional seminar. We will be sending the program as soon as it is finalized. Meanwhile, we are pleased to attach the hotel and registration forms, which should be completed and returned to the National Assembly of Vietnam and the IPU Secretariat as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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