



# PARLIAMENTARY PANEL ON THE OCCASION OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

Tunis (Tunisia), 17 November 2005

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

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### **Date and venue**

1. The parliamentary panel on the occasion of the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) will be held on **17 November 2005** in the Tunisian Chamber of Deputies, in Tunis. This is a separate venue from the Kram Exhibition Park, where the WSIS will be held.

2. Address of the Chamber of Deputies:

Chamber of Deputies  
Palais du Bardo  
2000 Tunis, Tunisia  
Tel.: +216 71 510 200  
Fax: +216 71 514 608  
e-mail: majless@chambre-dep.tn

3. The parliamentary panel will begin at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 17 November 2005. It is scheduled to take place from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., and will be followed by an official reception.

4. For information, please find hereunder the address of the Kram Exhibition Park (site of the WSIS), located approximately 20 kilometres from the Chamber of Deputies building:

Kram Exhibition Park  
2015 Le Kram  
Tunis, Tunisia

**Meeting rooms and offices**

5. The parliamentary panel meeting will be held in the plenary hall of the Chamber of Deputies.
6. A work room equipped with computer equipment, an Internet connection and a photocopier will be available to delegates near the plenary hall.

**Registration, access to the parliamentary panel**

7. All delegates are requested to fill in the enclosed registration form for the parliamentary panel (it can also be downloaded from the IPU website at <http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/wsis05.htm>) and to return it by **28 October 2005** to:

Inter-Parliamentary Union  
5 chemin du Pommier, Case postale 330  
1218 Le Grand-Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland  
Fax: +41 22 919 4160  
e-mail: [postbox@mail.ipu.org](mailto:postbox@mail.ipu.org)

as well as to:

Chamber of Deputies  
Palais du Bardo  
2000 Tunis, Tunisia  
Tel.: +216 71 510 200  
Fax: +216 71 514 608  
e-mail: [majless@chambre-dep.tn](mailto:majless@chambre-dep.tn)

Any change in the composition of a delegation must be reported to the above address.

8. The Chamber of Deputies will distribute badges allowing access to the meeting. Delegates may obtain such badges on Wednesday, 16 November 2005, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., and on Thursday, 17 November 2005, from 8 a.m., at the reception of the Chamber of Deputies.

**Proceedings of the parliamentary panel**

9. The President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the President of the Tunisian Chamber of Deputies will address the parliamentary panel at its opening.
10. Each panellist will subsequently give a short statement on the subject of the parliamentary panel discussion. The discussion will be initiated by a moderator.
11. Delegates may take part in the discussions either by making short statements or by asking questions. They are asked to refrain from reading previously prepared official statements. Given the interactive nature of the discussion, no list of speakers will be prepared in advance. The order of statements and questions will be determined by the moderator.

**Languages**

12. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Arabic, English, French and Spanish. The official documents of the parliamentary panel will be available in English and French only.

**Documents**

13. The only official documents of the parliamentary panel will be the programme, the list of delegates and the information notes drawn up by the parliamentary panel's secretariat.

14. Delegates who would like to distribute their own documents or other material relating to the subject of the parliamentary panel will be able to use a table set up for this purpose in the immediate vicinity of the plenary hall.

15. A provisional list of delegates will be distributed at the beginning of the parliamentary panel. It will be drawn up on the basis of confirmations received by the IPU Secretariat by 28 October 2005. After the end of the parliamentary panel, the list will be finalized and published on the IPU website.

### **Official reception**

16. The Tunisian Chamber of Deputies invites all delegates taking part in the parliamentary panel to a reception that will be held at 6.30 p.m. on 17 November 2005 at the premises of the Chamber of Deputies.

### **Visas**

17. The provisions in force for entry into Tunisia are very strict. Each delegate who must obtain a Tunisian entry visa must promptly apply for a visa with a Tunisian diplomatic mission or consulate in his or her country, or on the way to Tunisia.

18. Instructions have been given to the Tunisian diplomatic missions and consulates in order to facilitate the issuance of Tunisian entry visas free of charge.

19. Delegates from countries where there is no Tunisian diplomatic mission may exceptionally be issued an entry visa at the Tunis Carthage airport. Such delegates must provide the Chamber of Deputies with a copy of their passports by **15 October 2005**.

### **Flights to Tunisia**

20. Most major airlines fly to Tunis.

### **Hotel accommodation**

21. Delegates will be responsible for their own hotel expenses. Due to special conditions concerning hotel accommodation in Tunis at the time of the WSIS, neither the Tunisian Chamber of Deputies nor the IPU can provide any last-minute assistance. Delegates are therefore strongly urged to follow the hotel reservation procedure described below.

22. Delegates traveling to Tunis as part of their country's official delegation to the WSIS (recommended option) will automatically have a hotel room booked for them by the competent authorities.

23. Members of parliament and accompanying staff who travel to Tunis outside the framework of official delegations will be able to book the hotels accredited by the WSIS Organizing Committee **until 15 October 2005**, and can thus benefit from special rates negotiated for all delegates to the WSIS.

24. Reservations should be made through the WSIS Organizing Committee:

Rue du Lac Tanganyika

Berges du Lac, 2035

Tunis, Tunisia

Tel.: +216 71 964 551

Fax: +216 71 964 547

e-mail: [reservation@smsitunis2005.tn](mailto:reservation@smsitunis2005.tn)

More information and the list of hotels can be accessed at the following address:  
<https://www.reservation.smsitunis2005.tn>

**Local transportation**

25. Transportation between the recommended hotels and the Kram Exhibition Park will be provided for all delegates by the WSIS Organizing Committee in the morning, at lunch time and in the evening. During the rest of the day, delegates may use shuttles between the recommended hotels, as per the schedules that will be given to them.

26. The Tunisian Chamber of Deputies will organize transport by bus between the Kram Exhibition Park and the Chamber of Deputies. This service will be provided only on 17 November, so that delegates arriving at the Kram Exhibition Park will be able to continue to the Chamber of Deputies and return to their hotels at the end of the parliamentary panel and the official reception. The bus will leave the Kram Exhibition Park at 2 p.m.

27. Delegates may also take officially licensed taxis in Tunis, anywhere in the capital. Such vehicles are equipped with a meter. Before leaving the hotel, it is recommended that visitors ask the receptionist for a business card with the address of the hotel, which can subsequently be used to indicate the destination of the return trip to a taxi driver.

**Services**

28. Several computers with Internet connections and a photocopier will be made available to delegates to the parliamentary panel free of charge in a work room located near the plenary hall.

29. Medical and emergency services and a civil protection team will be available in the Chamber of Deputies.

**Miscellaneous**

30. For information concerning such matters as visas, vaccines, arrival procedures, foreign exchange, climate and clothing, consult the website of the WSIS of the host country, at <http://www.smsitunis2005.org>.

**Further information**

31. Requests for further information concerning the parliamentary panel on the occasion of the second phase of the WSIS should be sent to:

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1218 Le Grand Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland  
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Fax: +41 22 919 4160  
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