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Geneva, 23 February 2005

Madam President, Mr. President,

Following the invitation sent to you by the President of the French Senate, Mr. Christian Poncelet, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are pleased to invite your parliament to participate in the Inaugural Conference of their common Initiative for the Capacity-Building of Parliaments on International Environmental Law and Institutions for Sustainable Development. The Conference will be held at the French Senate, Palais du Luxembourg, Paris, on **Friday 22 and Saturday 23 April 2005**.

The needs assessment conducted in June 2004 by UNITAR and the IPU identified themes deemed by parliaments to be of topical importance and on which they would like their capacities to be developed under this initiative.

The Conference will sensitize participants on the key issues of environmental protection and sustainable development and the role parliaments can play in this field. It will provide an opportunity to develop a strategy and plan of work for the implementation of this capacity-building initiative. We are pleased to attach a document describing this Conference, as well as its provisional agenda.

The Conference is open to two delegates per chamber. We would be grateful if you could appoint two representatives, parliamentarians and/or parliamentary staff, preferably with an experience in the field of environmental protection and sustainable development.

We would appreciate it if you would complete the enclosed confirmation form and send it by **14 March 2005** to:

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Unfortunately, UNITAR and the IPU are unable to fund the costs of participation, which should therefore be borne by your parliament.

We look forward to welcoming a delegation of your parliament in Paris.

Yours sincerely,

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Marcel Boisard
Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations
Executive Director UNITAR

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Anders B. Johnsson
Secretary General of the IPU



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Friday - 22 April 2005

Morning Session – Political Segment – Plenary, Room: *(to be determined)*

- 09.00 – 10.00 Opening speeches by
- * *Mr Christian Poncelet*, President of the Senate
 - * *Mr Marcel Boisard*, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, Executive Director of UNITAR
 - * *Mr Anders B. Johnsson*, Secretary-General of the IPU
 - * French Minister *(to be determined)*
- 10.00 – 10.30 Introduction to the debate by
- * *Prof. Oran Young*, Professor (Institutional and International Governance, Environmental Institutions); Co-Director, Bren Program on Governance for Sustainable Development
 - * *Mr. Nitin Desai* (former Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations): Main issues of sustainable development – roles of Parliaments and the United Nations
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 – 12.30 Presentation of major regional issues by representatives of Parliaments
- * *Ms Marie-Noëlle Lienemann*, Member of the European Parliament, Member of Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety of the European Parliament
 - * *One parliamentarian from Africa*
 - * *One parliamentarian from Asia*
 - * *One parliamentarian from Latin America (to be identified by UNITAR/IPU)*
- 12.30 – 14h30 Official dinner
- Afternoon Session – Technical segment in working groups, Rooms: *(to be determined)*
- 14.30 – 17.00 Presentation on Sustainable Development “from Rio to now” and on the role of parliamentarians, followed by an open discussion
- Group 1: Development and poverty – access to basic services: Water
Moderator: World Bank *(moderator to be determined)*
- Group 2: Development and poverty: Energy and Climate Change
Moderator: *Mr Janos Pasztor*, Director of Sustainable Development Programme of the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Evening Session – Closed session
- 18.00 – 20.00 Coordinating partners, potential donors and other partners develop draft Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee and select members

Saturday, 23 April 2005

Morning session – Technical segment in working groups, Room: *(to be determined)*

09.00 – 10.30 Presentation of the outcomes of working group meetings

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

Morning session – Plenary

10.45 – 12.00 Partners' Hour – contributions by partners of the sensitization programme

- *Mr Durwood Zaelke*, Director, International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE)
- *Mr Matthew Stilwell*, Managing Director, Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development (IGSD)
- *Mr Félix Onkeya*, Member of the National Assembly of Gabon and President of the Commission on Cooperation and Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie
- *Mr Scott Hubli*, Director Governance Programs, National Democratic Institute (NDI)
- *Governments: France, UK, Germany, Finland, Italy (tbc)*
- *IGOs: WHO, UNCTAD, UNEP, EU, Multilateral Environmental Agreement Secretariats (tbc)*
- *Autres : Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (tbc)*

12.00 – 13.00 Closing session
 Assessment of the debates and workshops
 Identification of next stages and development of a working plan
 (This session will pave the way for the Assessment meeting of Steering Committee)

13.00 – 14.30/15.00 Lunch

14.30 End of official sessions

15.00 Visit of the Senate

17.00 – 19.00 Assessment meeting of Steering Committee (closed meeting)



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Inaugural Conference

*Global Initiative for the Capacity-Building of Parliaments
on International Environmental Law
and Institutions for Sustainable Development*

22-23 April 2005
Palais du Luxembourg
Paris (France)

DELEGATIONS REGISTRATION FORM

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Members of the delegation

Arrival/Departure (*)

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Date: _____ Signature _____

() Delegations are reminded that such information shall be forwarded to their diplomatic representation in order for these ones to come and welcome the participants at their arrival in Paris*

4. VISAS

Persons holding passports from the following places do not require visas to enter France: countries of the European Union, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong (only blue passports), Iceland, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein, Macao, Mexico, Monaco, Nicaragua, Norway, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

All other participants and holders of **diplomatic or official passports** or other travel documents are requested to contact the nearest French diplomatic mission for information on obtaining a visa. It is recommended that participants enclose the letter of invitation sent by the French Senate with their visa request. They may also contact the organisers' secretariats if any problems arise.

5. VACCINATIONS AND HEALTH

France does not impose vaccination requirements on international travellers. During the seminar the Senate will provide a first-aid medical service. Any other medical services will be at the expense of the participants.

6. REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION OFFICE

A registration and information office will be available to participants in the Senate premises as of Friday, 22 April 2005 at 8 a.m. Participants are invited to register upon arrival at this office. The office will provide them with identity badges and will provide information on any questions relating to the conference.

7. SECURITY

The French authorities will take all the necessary security measures. Participants are requested to wear their identity badges within the Senate premises.

8. WEATHER

April is a transition month. The temperature may range significantly, and it may sometimes rain. Average temperatures are 10 degrees Celsius in the morning and evening, and 15 degrees Celsius during the day.

9. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

In France the currency is the euro. Most stores and hotels accept major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, etc.).

10. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

The following services are available on the Senate premises:

- a. Post office;
- b. International telephone and fax services (fees to be covered by participants);
- c. First-aid services.

Near the Senate (in the Latin Quarter and Montparnasse district), the following services can be found:

- a. Banks, foreign exchange offices;
- b. Travel agencies;
- c. Restaurants and bars.

11. OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS

The President of the Senate, Mr. Christian Poncelet, has invited the conference participants to two receptions:

- ▶ Friday, 22 April: Lunch in the Salons de Boffrand (Hôtel de la Présidence)
- ▶ Saturday, 23 April: Cocktail-lunch at the end of the conference.

12. LIST OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS

Most of the world's countries have a diplomatic representation in Paris. Please contact your Ministry of Foreign Affairs to find the contact details for your country. You may also find them at the following Internet site:

<http://www.expatries.diplomatie.gouv.fr/annuaires/repdipet.asp>

For the contact details of French diplomatic representations in your country, please consult the following site:

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 75005 Paris
 tel.: +33 1 56 24 34 34
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 Reservation contact: Astrid

- Hôtel Mercure Paris Gobelins Place d'Italie (€115 including breakfast)**
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PREFERENTIAL RATE: €180 per standard room (single or double occupancy) per night, including VAT, visitor's tax and American breakfast.

CONDITIONS: To benefit from this preferential rate, you must return this reservation form, duly completed, by 1 April 2005. As of that date only reservations guaranteed by a credit card will be considered as confirmed. Any subsequent requests will be accepted on the basis of the rooms and rates available.

The amount for one night will be charged to the participant's credit card when the reservation is taken.

In the event of cancellation between 1 April 2005 and the arrival date, or if a guest fails to turn up: the whole of the stay will be charged to the credit card.

I authorise the Hôtel Le Méridien Montparnasse to charge my credit card and agree to the above conditions.

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