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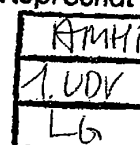
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Geneva, 22 June 2007

Dear Mr. President,

The United Nations Secretary-General has described climate change as the defining issue of our era. Recent reports by the world's foremost scientists are unequivocal. Climate change is a reality, but its effects are not irreversible if action is taken now. The next Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is due to take place in Bali, Indonesia, in December.

Like their government counterparts, parliaments are deeply concerned by climate change and its impact on the environment. The Inter-Parliamentary Union sees the 2007 Conference of Parties as a landmark event in climate change talks. We would like to request that you ensure that your parliament use its full powers of oversight to question the appropriate ministers on their preparations for this important meeting.

In the same vein, we are pleased to inform you that the recent 116th IPU Assembly approved a Presidential Declaration on Climate Change. It is attached hereto.

The declaration urges the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to work out a feasible road map for long-term cooperation on its implementation. The world's parliamentarians present at the IPU Assembly pledged to raise the issue in their parliaments. Specifically, they are anxious to see progress in the areas of deforestation, financial mechanisms, and technology transfer.

We would be most grateful if you could ensure that details of any action taken in your parliament in response to the attached declaration are reported back to the IPU, so that we may make a preliminary report to our next Assembly in October.

Yours sincerely,

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