

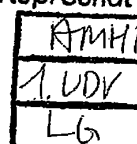
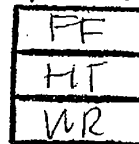
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Geneva, 22 June 2007

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 116<sup>th</sup> 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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116<sup>th</sup> Assembly and related meetings  
Nusa Dua, Bali (Indonesia), 29 April to 4 May 2007



**DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
ENDORSED BY THE 116<sup>th</sup> ASSEMBLY**

We are deeply concerned at the growing body of scientific evidence on the probable adverse impact of climate change. The developing countries are likely to suffer most because they lack the capacity to cope with natural disasters, and they will continue to pay a heavy toll in casualties and destroyed infrastructure. Their efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals are also bound to be frustrated.

We are likewise concerned that many pledges to take measures to forestall or mitigate the effects of climate change remain unfulfilled. We reiterate our firm support for the Kyoto Protocol, especially as expressed in our resolution, *Ten years after Rio: Global degradation of the environment and parliamentary support for the Kyoto Protocol* (Marrakech, 2002).

We call on our parliaments to do all they can to reinforce climate change policy and legislation and to enhance international cooperation on the basis of common but differentiated responsibilities, with a view to achieving the ultimate objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol.

We also call on our parliaments to foster increased community understanding of the threat of climate change and the action needed to avert dangerous human interferences in the climate system.

We urge the 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Third Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, convening in Bali in December 2007, to formulate a feasible road map for long-term cooperation on the implementation of the Convention and for further negotiations on the comprehensive measures required to ensure continuity beyond the Protocol's first commitment period.

We pledge to raise the issue of climate change in our respective parliaments and address questions to concerned ministers regarding their preparation for the Bali meetings, and to report back to the IPU on the results thereof. Specifically, we wish to see progress in the area of avoidance of deforestation, financial mechanisms, and the transfer of appropriate and environmentally sound technology.