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Dear Mr. President,

Over many years, the Inter-Parliamentary Union has promoted greater parliamentary involvement and action in support of protection of the environment and sustainable development. This has included organizing a parliamentary input to the 1992 Earth Summit (Rio de Janeiro) and its follow-up meeting in Johannesburg in 2002, as well as sponsoring a major international parliamentary forum on renewable energies, which the German Bundestag convened in Bonn in 2004.

In Bonn, the members of parliament submitted a number of far-reaching recommendations to the Intergovernmental Conference on Renewable Energies which took place on the same occasion. Several interested States subsequently took part in a second Intergovernmental Conference on Renewable Energies held in Beijing in 2005. They have now received an invitation from the United States Government to take part in a third International Conference for Renewable Energies (WIREC 2008), which is to take place in Washington D.C. from 4 to 6 March next year.

WIREC 2008 aims to advance energy security, climate change, air quality, and sustainable development goals, demonstrate global leadership in renewable energy research, policy development, technology innovation, commercialization and deployment; and foster cooperation between industry and government to help solve global energy challenges. Detailed information regarding WIREC 2008 is available at www.wirec2008.gov.

While the invitation has been extended to the governments of the some seventy countries that have taken part in past meetings, the Conference organizers also hope to secure the participation of representatives of parliaments, civil society, academia and the private sector. As in the previous conferences in Bonn and Beijing, a separate meeting for the legislators will be arranged in the afternoon of 5 March 2008.

May I therefore encourage your Parliament to make sure that it is represented in your Government's delegation to the Conference by members who take an active interest in renewable energy issues.

Yours sincerely,

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