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*Committee on Immunities,
Incompatibility and Mandate of
THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY*

Courtesy Translation

**Mr. CARSTEN U. LARSEN, Secretary General
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Budapest, 05 March, 2008

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

The Hungarian National Assembly is holding an international conference aiming the subject: **“Parliaments and Members of Parliaments in the Eyes of the Public and the Media – Frustration with Parliaments in Europe”**. The conference will be held on the 25th of April, 2008 in the North Session Hall of the Hungarian Parliament.

We would kindly ask you to forward the attached INVITATION to the Committees in your Assembly dealing with the legal status of parliamentarians and ethic questions. The theme of the conference is addressed first of all to the deputies and specialists of the above topics, but other interested participants are also welcome.

We include to the present letter the DRAFT PROGRAM of the event and have the pleasure in informing you that most of the denoted lecturers have already accepted the invitation.

The organizers of the conference will also contact the Committees in question, but considering the importance of the subject we would kindly ask your assistance in order to receive favourable replies. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Vanda Lamm
Director of the Institute for Legal Studies

Dr. József Alajos Géczy
Chairman of the Committee on
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Dr. István Soltész
Secretary General of
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INVITATION

Budapest, 05 March, 2008

The Committee on Immunities, Incompatibility and Mandate of the Hungarian National Assembly, in cooperation with the Institute for Legal Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Budapest office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, is holding an international conference in Budapest on "**Parliaments and Members of Parliaments in the Eyes of the Public and the Media – Frustration with Parliaments in Europe**", to be organized on the 25th of April, 2008.

Deputies of the Czech, German, Hungarian, Polish, Ukrainian, Romanian and Irish Parliaments will attend the event as well as reputed legal and political experts who will deliver their speeches.

The site of the conference will be the **North Session Hall of the Hungarian Parliament** (Budapest, V. ker., Kossuth L. tér 1-3., Entrance at *Gate VII*).

Language of the Conference: Hungarian and English.

Let me take the opportunity to cordially invite you to the above conference.

We believe that while parliamentary democracy as an institution is gaining acceptance all over the world, national parliaments, as well as the European Parliament, are coming in for sharp criticism with increasing frequency varying from country to country and time to time. Although Parliaments and MPs have always been a favourite subject of the press, these days they receive more and more negative publicity.

For confirmation of your attendance please inform the Committee on Immunities, Incompatibility and Mandate of the Hungarian National Assembly at the following e-mail address: jozsef.karsai@parlament.hu

Yours sincerely,

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DRAFT PROGRAM

Parliaments and Members of Parliaments in the Eyes of the Public and the Media

Frustration with Parliaments in Europe

International Conference for Professionals

Date of the Conference: Friday, the 25th of April 2008

Venue of the Conference: Parliament, Congress Hall

Organizers:

- Hungarian National Assembly
(website: www.parlament.hu)
- Committee on Immunities, Incompatibility and Mandate
of the Hungarian National Assembly
- Institute for Legal Studies of the Hungarian Academy of
Sciences in cooperation with
- the Budapest office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Patrons of the Conference: **Mrs. Katalin SZILI**, Speaker of the Hungarian National
Assembly
Mr. France CUKJATI, Speaker of the Slovenian
Parliament
(to be confirmed)

Hungarian lecturers: **Mr. István KUKORELLI**, Member of the Constitutional Court
Mr. Béla POKOL, Professor
Mr. József PETRÉTEI, Professor, Former Minister of Justice
Mr. Tibor LÖFFLER, Political Expert

International lecturers: Lecturers of the Partner-committees from the Czech, German
and Romanian Parliament
Professors from Germany, Poland and Ukraine
Mr. Mark MULQUEEN, Head of the Communications
Department of the Irish Parliament

Language of the Conference: Hungarian and English.

PROGRAM

Theme of the Conference:

While parliamentary democracy as an institution is gaining acceptance all over the world, national parliaments, as well as the European Parliament, are receiving sharp criticism with increasing frequency. Varying from country to country and time to time, the tendency is that the social acceptance and authority of the parliaments are changing for the worse. Although national Parliaments and MPs have always been a favourite subject of the press, these days they receive more and more negative publicity as far as even reaching the critical limit.

Constitutional elements and democratic parties are often influenced and led to this direction by the harsh rules of political rivalry. The debates bearing on the MPs' so-called privileges are more and more unmanageable. All these trends can be observed mainly in the countries that acceded to the European Union lately or in the countries outside the union, but similar phenomena can be observed in Western and Southern Europe, too. Globalization and integration diminish the possibilities of the national governments and parliaments although their responsibilities and the expectations of the electors are unchanged or even increase. The question arises, whether these phenomena that are gaining ground in the past decades can be compared to the depression in parliamentary democracy of the first half of the 20th century, or is this only a disorder due to the changes that are amplified by the revolution in the media and information technology?

The Hungarian Committee on Immunities has been organizing workshop discussions for several years, as well as ordering critical essays on the social and public status of the MPs.

Institutionalized European cooperation in this field can be deemed justifiable according to our international exchange of experiences.

We are planning to issue the lectures of this conference in a publication, and they will also be available on the site of the Committee, as well.

Arrival of the Guests

Entrance: Parliament, Gate VII

09.30

Opening of the Conference

- *H.E. Katalin SZILI*, Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly
- *H.E. France CUKJATI*, Speaker of the Slovenian Parliament

(to be confirmed)

Lectures and discussants

11.15

Coffee break

11.30

Lectures and discussants

12.45

Lunch

14.00

Lectures and contributions, debate

15.45

Coffee break

16.15

Lectures and contributions, debate

18.00

Closing Speeches

- *Ms. Vanda Lamm*, Director of the Institute for Legal Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- *Mr. József Alajos Gécz*i, Head of the Committee on Immunities, Incompatibility and Mandate of the Hungarian National Assembly

18.30

Leaving of the guests



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Tisztelt Főtitkár Úr!

A Parlamentek és a képviselők társadalmi valamint média megítélés – frusztrációk a parlamentek körül Európában” címmel nemzetközi konferenciát szervezünk 2008. április 25-én Budapesten, a Magyar Országgyűlés Felsőházi termében.

Kérjük, hogy a MEGHÍVÓT szíveskedjék eljuttatni a képviselői jogállással, etikai kérdésekkel foglalkozó bizottságoknak. A konferencia témája elsősorban e kérdésekkel foglalkozó képviselőkhez, szakértőkhöz szól, de természetesen szívesen látunk más érdeklődőt is.

Mellékeljük a konferencia programjának előzetes tervezetét, és egyben jelezzük, hogy az ott megjelölt előadók túlnyomó többsége a felkérést elfogadta.

Tájékoztatjuk arról is, hogy a konferencia szervezői külön is megkeresik a jelzett szakbizottságokat, azonban a téma fontosságára és a sikeres visszajelzésre tekintettel kérjük az Ön segítségét is.

2008. március 5.

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MEGHÍVÓ

A Magyar Országgyűlés Mentelmi összeférhetetlenségi és mandátumvizsgáló bizottsága a Magyar Tudományos Akadémia Jogtudományi Intézetével és a Friedrich Ebert Alapítvány budapesti irodájával együttműködve **2008. április 25-én nemzetközi konferenciát rendez Budapesten „A Parlamentek és a képviselők társadalmi valamint média megítélése – frusztrációk a parlamentek körül Európában”** című témakörben.

A rendezvényen cseh, német, magyar, lengyel, ukrán valamint ír parlamenti képviselők és neves jogtudósok, politológusok tartanak előadást.

A konferencia helye: **Magyar Országgyűlés Felsőházi terme** (Budapest V. kerület, Kossuth tér 1-3., belépés a VII. kapun keresztül).

A konferencia nyelve: magyar és angol.

Úgy gondoljuk, miközben a parlamentáris demokrácia intézményrendszere világméretben terjedőben van, a nemzeti parlamentek, de az Európai Parlament is – országonként és időszakonként eltérően – egyre sűrűbben kerül a kritikák keresztútjébe. A parlamentek, a parlamenti képviselők mindig is kedvelt sajtótémát jelentettek, de napjainkban sajnos egyre inkább negatív hangvétellel.

Részvételi szándékáról kérjük értesítse a Magyar Országgyűlés Mentelmi bizottságát a jozsef.karsai@parlament.hu e-mail címen.

Budapest, 2008. március 5.

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