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Geneva, 5 May 2008

Dear Mr. President,

I have the pleasure of inviting your parliament to take part, as an observer, in the Conference on *Africa and Migration: challenges, problems, solutions* to be held in Rabat (Morocco) from 22 to 24 May 2008. The Conference is being organized by the African Parliamentary Union (APU) in partnership with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and in cooperation with the International Labour Office (ILO), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR).

Given the enormous increase over the past 50 years in the movement of people across borders in search of employment, migration has moved to the top of policy agendas in many countries of origin, transit and destination, and it has consequently become a major challenge for African policy makers. The primary objective of the Conference is therefore to deliberate on those challenges and the ways and means of managing migration for the mutual benefit of society, migrants and African States. Please find attached the draft programme of the Conference.

As is indicated, the question of the participation of migrants in host societies and combating discrimination will also be addressed. Given the importance of these questions for your country, we hope that your parliament will be able to send a delegation to the Conference to participate in the relevant debates and thus to bring the point of view of receiving countries to the fore.

Please find attached practical information on the Conference. You may also wish to consult the APU website at: <http://www.african-pu.org>. The APU Secretariat as well as our Secretariat is at your disposal for any further information you may wish to obtain regarding this event

Looking forward to the participation of your parliament in this important Conference, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Africa and Migration: challenges, problems, solutions

Rabat, 22 - 24 May 2008

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, 22 May 2008

- 8 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. Registration of participants and distribution of documents
- 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. ► **Inaugural session:**
- Welcome address and opening statements
 - Election of the President and Rapporteur of the Conference and approval of the draft rules of procedure
- 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. ► Plenary session
- **Keynote address: Globalization and migration**
Mr. Abdelhamid El Jamri, President of the United Nations Committee on Migrant Workers
- Debate
- 1.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 3.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Plenary session
- Legal and policy frameworks for the governance of migration**
- > International and regional standards on migration as a fundamental element of migration management
 - > Juridical aspects of labour migration; irregular migration
 - > Global and African migration policy frameworks
 - > Regional integration frameworks: circulation of persons
 - > Incorporation and implementation of international standards on migration into national law, and the role of parliaments in that field
- Debate

Friday, 23 May 2008

- Workshops (workshop participants will elect a chairperson/moderator and a rapporteur to work closely with Rapporteur of the Conference)
- 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Workshop One:
- Migration and development: Labour mobility in a globalized world; contribution of migrants to development**
- > Strategies of maximizing benefits and minimizing the negative impacts of international migration (e.g. brain drain)
 - > Skilled and less skilled labour migration: the impact on source and destination countries, including human resource development and skills recognition; policy and legislative responses
 - > Contribution to development through temporary and circular labour migration
 - > The impact of migrant remittances on the development of countries of origin
- Workshop Two:
- Humanitarian aspects of Migration:**
- > Humanitarian principles of migration
 - > Mixed flows (asylum/migration nexus)
 - > Special needs and humanitarian assistance rendered to special categories: migrant women, children, youth and the elderly
 - > Environmental migration
- 12.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Lunch break

3.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

► Workshop 3

Migration and human rights: regulating migration in a human rights-compatible way

- > Protection of migrants' rights; particularly of migrant workers especially at risk of abuse and exploitation
- > Addressing irregular migration in the African context
- > Preventing migrant smuggling and human trafficking
- > The participation of migrants in host societies: addressing discrimination

Workshop 4

Regional initiatives, cooperation, partnership and coherence in migration governance:

- > Labour mobility and free circulation in regional economic integration areas
- > Cooperation in harmonization of national policies, structures and legislation pertaining to labour migration movement in regional economic communities
- > Regional cooperation processes (RCPs)
- > Building coherence and partnerships in migration and development

Saturday, 24 May 2008

Plenary session:

9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

► **Reports from the workshops and plenary debate**

1.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Lunch break

3.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Drafting of the Final Declaration

5.00 p.m.

► **Adoption of the Final Declaration and closing session**

**AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON:
"AFRICA AND MIGRATION: CHALLENGES, PROBLEMS,
SOLUTIONS"**

Rabat (Morocco), 22 - 24 May 2008

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES

Parliaments and Organizations invited to participate in the **African Parliamentary Conference On: "Africa and Migration: challenges, problems, solutions"** due to be held in **Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco**, from 22 to 24 May 2008 are kindly requested to make known the composition of their delegations **before 10 May 2008**, on the form n° 1 attached hereto.

The number and category of rooms, the hotel chosen as well as the dates of arrival of delegations should be mentioned on the form n° 2 attached hereto. Bookings made after the above mentioned date will be treated according to the reception of mail and availabilities in hotels.

This information should be communicated to the Moroccan National Group and the APU at the following addresses:

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2. ENTRY VISAS

When required, the visa will be delivered free of charge to delegates, in the diplomatic and consular representations of Morocco.

In exceptional cases, for the delegates of the countries where there are no Moroccan diplomatic or consular missions, the visa will be delivered to them on arrival in Mohammed V International Airport in Casablanca or at Rabat International Airport. In such cases, delegates are kindly requested to communicate, by fax, to the National Group of Morocco the number and nature of their passports as well as the flight number, the date and hour of arrival in Morocco.

3. DOCUMENTS

On the occasion of the **African Parliamentary Conference On: "Africa and Migration: challenges, problems, solutions"**, delegates will receive their identification badges and briefcases containing the documents of the Conference (programme, Conference guide-book, invitation cards, working documents, etc.)

4. CLIMATE

Temperature in Rabat during the month of May, is as follows:

average temperature: 21.5°C
low temperature: 12.5°C
high temperature: 25°C

5. TRANSPORTATION FOR DELEGATES

The Moroccan National Group will ensure transport for delegates on arrival and on departure as well as between hotels and the venue of meetings. It is recommended that delegates choose from among the hotels proposed by the Moroccan National Group.

6. AIR CONNECTIONS

Delegates can travel to Morocco via several African and European capitals. For detailed information, they are kindly requested to consult air companies or their travel agencies.

7. VENUE OF MEETINGS

The **African Parliamentary Conference On: Africa and Migration: challenges, problems, solutions**, will take place in Rabat, at the House of Representatives.

The Conference guide-book will include all information about meeting rooms and the offices put at the disposal of the APU.

8. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

Delegates will find in their brief-cases the invitation cards to official ceremonies.

9. CURRENCY

The national currency is the Dirham. Exchange can be made at the meeting venue, in the authorized hotels and in the banks opened from Monday to Friday.

Following are the exchange rates of some convertible currencies on 1st April 2008:

1 \$.US	=	6.89	Dirhams
1 Euro	=	10. 919	Dirhams
1 £.	=	13. 694	Dirhams

10. HEALTH

It is recommended that delegates have their international vaccination book still valid. During meetings, first aid facilities will be provided within the Conference venue.

11. SERVICES FOR DELEGATES

The following services will be available at the venue of the Conference:

Post and fax office;
Exchange office;
Travel agency;
Medical service;
Cafeteria.

12. HOTELS

The Moroccan National Group recommends the following hotels for the delegates' stay:

Hotel HILTON Rabat ★★★★★	Single Room	1460	dh
	Deluxe Room	1710	dh
	Breakfast Buffet	200	dh
	Tax per person per night	44	dh
Hotel Golden Tulip Farah Rabat ★★★★★	Single Room - Breakfast included	990	dh
	Superior Room - Breakfast included	1200	dh
	Junior Suite - Breakfast included	2500	dh
	Tax/person/night	40	dh
Hôtel Rabat ★★★★★	Single Room - Breakfast included	900	dh
	Double Room - Breakfast included	1100	dh
	Deluxe Room - Breakfast included	1400	dh
	Senior Suite - Breakfast included	1900	dh
	Tax/person/night	40	dh
Hôtel HILNAN CHELLAH ★★★★★	Single Room - Breakfast included	700	dh
	Double Room - Breakfast included	850	dh
	Tax/person/night	16,50	dh
Hôtel Majliss ★★★★★	Single Room - Breakfast included	516,50	dh
	Double Room - Breakfast included	733	dh

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FORM N° 1: REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES

Parliament or Organization: _____
Leader of the Delegation (Full Name): _____
Members of the delegation: _____

FAMILY NAME / FIRST NAME	OFFICE WITHIN PARLIAMENT

Secretaries and Advisers:
1.
2.

Date _____ Signature _____

Kindly complete and address by **10 May 2008** at the latest to:

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FORM N° 2 : INDIVIDUAL HOTEL BOOKING

Full Name :

Country or Organization

HOTEL BOOKING

CATEGORY OF CHOSEN ROOM

(Please indicate the name of the Hotel)

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Date of arrival: Time of arrival:

Flight N°: Arriving from:

Date of departure: Time Flight N° :

Date Signature

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