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Object: Eighth Session of the UNCCD Round Table for Parliamentarians, Buenos Aires, Argentina 24 -25 September 2009

Honourable President,

I have the honour to invite you as President of Parliament to designate a representative to participate at the Eighth session of the UNCCD Round Table for Parliamentarians, which will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina between 24 and 25 September 2009, in the context of the Ninth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP9) to the UNCCD.

This event is jointly organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the National Assembly of Argentina and the UNCCD Secretariat. It will take place at the Conference Centre of Hilton Hotel, Manuela Saez 351, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Building upon the experience gained from the format retained during the previous UNCCD Forum for Parliamentarians, it is proposed to hold round table discussions, which will focus on the following themes:

1. Which policy towards achieving food security in the drylands under the current economic crisis?
2. How can the UNCCD contribute to the global responses to climate change?

Parliamentarians from various regions will participate in this important Forum. The Provisional Agenda is attached herewith for your consideration. The working languages for the meeting will be English, French and Spanish.

In order to assist parliamentarians in preparing for the Forum, other working documents and the information note for participants will be made available on the UNCCD website (www.unccd.int). Hard copies could also be dispatched upon request.

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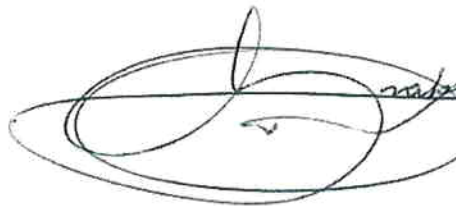
To allow for timely preparations of the meeting, I would be grateful to receive your response at your earlier convenience but not later than 31 July 2009 to the following address:

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The UNCCD Secretariat would also like to remind that the nomination letter should include the full name, exact title and contact details including the telephone, email, fax number, as well as a passport-size photograph of the nominee. The photograph is not required for those participants having attended the Seventh Session in 2007.

I look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you or your designated representative at the Eighth Session of the UNCCD Round Table in Buenos Aires.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Luc Gnacadja", written over a large, light blue circular stamp.

Luc Gnacadja
Executive Secretary



Eighth Session of the UNCCD Round Table for Parliamentarians
Buenos Aires , Argentina 24-25 September 2009
Provisional Agenda

Venue: The "Hilton Hotel
Manuela Saez 351,
Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Thursday 24 September	
0900 – 0930	Registration of participants
0930 – 1015	Opening ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcoming remarks by Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD- Statement by Hon. Eduardo Alfredo Fellner, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina- Statement by the Representative of the Inter-Parliamentary Union- Statement by Dr. Aristides R. Lima, President of the Parliamentarians Steering Committee
1015 – 1045	Coffee break
1045 – 1100	Adoption of the agenda and election of the Bureau
1100 – 1200	Item I Panel discussion I: Which policy towards achieving food security in the drylands under the current economic crisis?
1200 – 1300	Discussion
1300 – 1500	Lunch break
1500 – 1600	Item II Panel discussion II: How can the UNCCD contribute to the global response to climate change?
1600 – 1700	Discussion
1700 – 1800	Item III Statute /Rules of Procedure for UNCCD Parliamentarians
1800	Election of a drafting Committee



Friday 25 September	
0930 – 1100	Item IV Presentation of upcoming activities and review of the draft Declaration of Buenos Aires
1100 – 1130	Coffee break
1130 – 1300	Continuation of Item IV
1300 – 1500	Lunch break
1500 – 1630	Adoption of the Declaration of Buenos Aires
1630 – 1700	Election of a new Steering Committee
1700 – 1730	Closing ceremony: -Statement by Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD -Statement by Hon. Eduardo Alfredo Fellner, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina