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MINISTRY OF HEALTH & SOCIAL
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**IPU Regional Seminar on HIV and AIDS
Athens, Greece, 25 and 26 September 2009**

Dear Madam Speaker,

Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our great pleasure to invite your parliament to the Regional Seminar on HIV and AIDS, which will be held on 25 and 26 September 2009 in Athens, Greece. This important event is being organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Hellenic Parliament and the Hellenic Center for Infectious Disease Control (KEELPNO).

The seminar is part of a series of regional training events that the IPU launched in the aftermath of the first Global Parliamentary Meeting on HIV/AIDS. Members of parliament involved in development and oversight of HIV-related legislation are the target audience of these seminars.

The European seminar is intended for all parliaments belonging to the IPU Twelve Plus Group. It will discuss the role of parliaments in dealing with HIV in accordance with ethical norms and human rights standards. Within this broad topic, the participants will focus on immediate and long-term responses that address HIV prevalence among the populations at higher risk from HIV. The discussions will draw on the IPU Handbook for Parliamentarians on HIV and AIDS and the Conclusions of the Global Meeting. The languages of the seminar will be English, French and Greek.

We would be grateful if you could encourage members of your parliament who work in the sphere of HIV and AIDS to attend the regional seminar. We are pleased to attach the draft program and a registration form, which should be completed and returned to the Hellenic Parliament and the IPU Secretariat as soon as possible. Information will follow shortly about the precise venue and hotel arrangements.

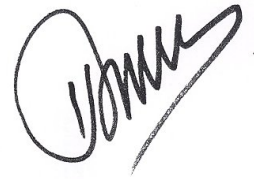
Yours sincerely,



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