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**IPU organizes a *Parliamentary Hearing* on the occasion of the  
Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development**

Madam President,  
Mr. President,

The United Nations is convening a *Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development* in Doha, Qatar, from 29 November to 2 December 2008. It will review progress in implementing the consensus reached in Monterrey, Mexico, in 2002 on financing for development and set targets for the future.

You may recall that the agreement reached in Monterrey aimed at mobilizing and increasing the impact of domestic and other resources such as foreign direct investments, innovative financing schemes, and foreign aid. It also provided a framework for future debt relief and trade liberalization, and set out a reformed international financial architecture.

Since 2002 some progress has been achieved in virtually all of these areas, though to varying degrees. On balance, however, most of the Monterrey Consensus remains unfulfilled and it has not delivered the resources that developing countries require in order to meet the Millennium Development Goals. The situation is even more alarming today in view of new challenges such as the global financial turmoil, increasing food and energy prices, and the cost of combating climate change.

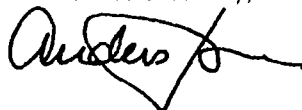
The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development in Doha therefore comes at an opportune moment and will hopefully give renewed impetus to resource mobilization for development. The conference will adopt a document that is currently being negotiated by United Nations member states in New York. A first draft of this document, together with more background information about the conference, is available at <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

I would like to encourage you to bring the draft outcome document and information about this conference to the attention of relevant committees in your parliament for their information and possible action. I would also like to encourage your parliament to ensure that members of parliament are included in your country's national delegation to the conference.

In support of this major event, the IPU is organizing a *Parliamentary Hearing* in the afternoon of 28 November, in cooperation with the United Nations. The event will provide members of parliament with an opportunity to be informed of the agreement that will emerge from the conference and to raise questions with experts and officials who have taken part in the negotiations.

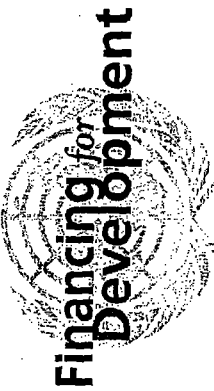
I will shortly be sending you a detailed practical information note on the hearing. Meanwhile, I would be grateful if delegates to the hearing could be registered on the enclosed form which should be returned to the IPU.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anders B. Johnsson', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Anders B. Johnsson  
Secretary General

Follow-up  
International Conference on



to Review the Implementation of  
the Monterrey Consensus

Doha, Qatar  
29 November-2 December 2008

### Requests for Side Events

Organizer	Title
<b>Governments</b>	
Government of Norway and UN Regional Commissions	Financing for development and the economics of gender
Government of Switzerland	Launching the FfD toolkit: mobilizing the private sector for development
<b>Inter-Governmental Organizations and UN System</b>	
UN Regional Commissions	The role of regional cooperation and global partnership in financing for development
UNICEF	Making national budgets work for the MDGs and children
ILO, DESA/DSPD, HelpAge International	A global "social floor"
IPU	Parliamentary hearing
UNCTAD	Capital flows, financial policies and investment
UNDP, UNU and DESA	Realizing the potential of the diasporas to reduce poverty and enhance entrepreneurship
UNDP/Special Unit for South-South Cooperation; New Rules for Global Finance Coalition and the Tax Justice Network	South-South sharing of successful tax practices: Revenue's role in the quest for inclusive development
UNCDF with UN Advisory Group on Inclusive Financial Services	A multi-stakeholder look at the future of inclusive finance

Organizer	Title
South Centre	South perspective on challenges and opportunities in financing for development
The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria/ Innovative Financing Team	Debt2Health
<b>Civil Society</b>	
InterAction	Introduce the role and level of private resource assistance for NGO-sponsored development
Center of Concern	On the footsteps of Monterrey: Towards a holistic review of trade, debt and finance
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung with International Trade Union Confederation	Business and human rights
International Association for Feminist Economics	A feminist economics workshop on financing gender equality
International Trade Union Confederation	Financing decent work – an imperative for sustainable development
OCAPROCE Internationale (Organisation pour la Communication en Afrique et de Promotion de la Cooperation Economique Internationale)	Panel discussion on financing women producers and exporters of agricultural products in Africa
Initiative for Policy Dialogue with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung	Regulation of global financial markets
<b>Business Sector</b>	
FFD Business Sector Steering Committee	Challenges of financing for development in Africa
FFD Business Sector Steering Committee	Financing for development tools for aid effectiveness in harnessing private sector resources for development
FFD Business Sector Steering Committee	Challenges of financing for development in the Middle East
FFD Business Sector Steering Committee	Role of sovereign wealth funds in financing for development
FFD Business Sector Steering Committee	Innovative financing for ICT