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Dear Madam President,  
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that the Parliament of Uganda, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are organizing a parliamentary conference on maternal and newborn health and survival entitled "Ensuring access to health for all women and newborn: the role of parliaments".

The Conference, which will take place from 23 to 25 November 2009 in Kampala, aims to provide a forum for members of parliament from developing and developed countries to exchange experiences, map out next steps and strengthen parliamentary cooperation to reduce maternal and child mortality. The conference will focus on ways of ensuring that all segments of society, especially the most underprivileged and removed communities, have access to health facilities, one of the basic prerequisites to reducing maternal and newborn mortality. The main objective of the meeting is to agree on commitments for parliamentarians to achieve MDGs 5 and 4 (newborn) by 2015. The meeting will also build on the results of previous conferences organised for parliaments on maternal and newborn health, the last one being the conference held in The Hague ([www.ipu.org/splz-e/hague08.htm](http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/hague08.htm)).

You will receive in the coming week a formal invitation from the Parliament of Uganda, as well as other relevant documents (the preliminary agenda, a concept note and a general information document). Meanwhile, you will find enclosed a conference registration form. We sincerely hope that your Parliament will be able to send a delegation to the meeting. It is proposed that delegations be composed of a maximum of three parliamentarians, preferably who deal with health or gender equality issues, along with their advisers. Where possible, the principle of gender balance should be respected in the composition of delegations.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johnsson  
Secretary General



## **Ensuring Access To Health For All Women And Newborn - The Role Of Parliaments**

Kampala, 23-25 November 2009

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

(one per person)

To be returned by **6 November** at the latest

<b>Ms.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mr.</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>First Name:</b>	
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**[For parliamentarians only]**

<b>Please list up to three parliamentary committees to which you belong</b>	
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<sup>1</sup> This information will be used to provide each individual participant with a copy of the final report of the meeting. Participants will also be registered to receive the IPU eBulletin, an electronic newsletter that provides information on IPU activities around the world.