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REPUBLIK ÖSTERREICH
Parlament

Geneva, 23 April 2010

Parliamentary meeting on the occasion of the XVIII International AIDS Conference
Legislative aspects of HIV relating to key affected populations
Vienna, 20 July 2010

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

We are pleased to announce that the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Parliament of Austria will be holding a parliamentary meeting on the occasion of the XVIII International AIDS Conference (18-23 July 2010; www.aids2010.org). The theme of the parliamentary event will be *Legislative aspects of HIV relating to key affected populations*. It will take place in the Parliament Building on Tuesday, 20 July 2010, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The parliamentary meeting will be divided into two sessions. In the morning session, the participants will focus on how to strike a balance between criminal law and public health in the field of HIV/AIDS so that both can function as effectively as possible. The afternoon session will be dedicated to human rights concerns associated with interventions to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV, and will seek to identify ways to expand treatment programmes for women living with HIV. Interpretation will be provided in English, French, German and Russian.

We hope that you will encourage members of your parliament to participate in the XVIII International AIDS Conference and attend the parliamentary meeting on 20 July. Please find enclosed a draft programme and registration form, which we invite your parliament to complete and return to the Parliament of Austria and the IPU Secretariat by **18 June 2010 latest**. These and other documents relating to the parliamentary meeting are also available on the IPU website at: www.ipu.org/strct-e/futrmets.htm.

We very much hope to have the pleasure of welcoming a delegation from your parliament to Vienna next July.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Prammer
Speaker of the National Council
Parliament of Austria

Anders B. Johnsson
Secretary General
Inter-Parliamentary Union



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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

8:30 – 10:00 **Registration of participants**

10:00-10:30 **Introductory statements by**

Representative of the Austrian Parliament
Vice-President of the IPU or Chair of the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS

10:30-13:00 **Session I: Criminal justice and public health: finding the balance**

The primary means by which HIV is spread (sexual behavior and drug use) are controversial areas in both the legal and public health fields. Research, social norms, and personal values about sex and drug use – and consequently about HIV and its prevention – vary greatly. Not surprisingly, the issue of using criminal law to punish HIV exposure is hotly contested. The session will discuss the ways to find a balance between criminal law and public health in a field such as HIV/AIDS, where knowledge about the virus, its transmission and how to prevent transmission continues to advance and change.

Prof. Manfred Nowak, Scientific Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture
Representative of UNAIDS
Member of Parliament from Eastern Europe/Central Asia
Member of Parliament from Asia-Pacific

13.00-14.30 **Lunch break**

Luncheon will be served in the Marble Hall of the Parliament Building.

14:30-17:30 **Session II: Human rights in the PMTCT context**

Pregnant women are increasingly at the center of global HIV prevention efforts. Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) programs implicate certain fundamental human rights regarding liberty, security of person, privacy, health, and freedom from discrimination. These rights are undermined where women are denied the opportunity to give informed consent to HIV testing and treatment, where their confidentiality is not respected, and where their involvement in PMTCT programs serves to reinforce discrimination and stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. The session will discuss the human rights concerns associated with PMTCT interventions, and ways to expand the scope of the programs from protecting the health of fetuses and newborns to treating women living with HIV/AIDS.

Ms. Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, Chair of the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS, Deputy Minister of Public Works (Republic of South Africa)

Ms. Wafaa El-Sadr, Director of the International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP), Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Epidemiologic Research (CIDER) at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health

Ms. Marleen Temmerman, Senator Belgium, Member of the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS
Member of Parliament, Africa

17.30-18.00 **Closing ceremony**



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REGISTRATION FORM

(PLEASE FILL OUT A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT)

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IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

The IPU and the Parliament of Austria are not in a position to facilitate accreditation to the XVIII International AIDS Conference, provide Schengen visa support for entry into Austria or hotel accommodation in Vienna. These matters should be dealt with by each delegation individually, as part of the overall accreditation procedure for the XVIII International AIDS Conference.

¹ 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.