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**Object: Ninth Session of the UNCCD Round Table for Parliamentarians, Changwon, Gyeongnam Province, Republic of Korea, 13-14 October 2011**

Honourable Mr. Villumsen,

Pursuant to previous communication with your national parliament and your official designation as the contact point on the above-mentioned event, we have the honour to invite you to participate at the Ninth session of the UNCCD Round Table for Parliamentarians, which will be held in Changwon, Gyeongnam Province, Republic of Korea between 13-14 October 2011, in the context of the Tenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP10) to the UNCCD.

This event is jointly organised by the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and the UNCCD Secretariat, in close consultation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union. It will take place at the Amoris Hall, Hotel Pullman Ambassador Changwon City 7, 122 Daewon-Dong, Changwon, Gyeongnam, in the Republic of Korea.

Building upon the experience gained from the format retained during the previous UNCCD Forum for Parliamentarians, it is proposed to hold two panel sessions, which will focus on the following topics:

1. Achieving global sustainability through effective sustainable land management,
2. Implementation of the UNCCD Ten-Year Strategy: the role of Parliamentarians.

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

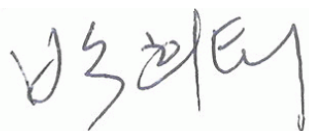
To allow for timely preparations of the meeting, we would be grateful to receive your response at your earliest convenience but no later than **31 August 2011** to the following address:

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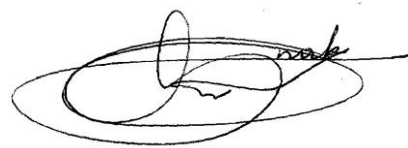
The UNCCD Secretariat would like to remind that the confirmation letter for participation should include the full name, exact title and contact details including E-mail, telephone and fax numbers, as well as a passport-size photograph of the nominee. The photograph is not required for participants that have attended the Eighth Session in 2009.

We look forward to receiving your response to this invitation and to the active participation of your representative at the Ninth Session of the UNCCD Parliamentarians Round Table in Changwon, Republic of Korea.

Please accept, Honourable Mr. Villumsen, the assurances of our highest consideration.



Hon. Hee-Tae Park  
Speaker of the National Assembly  
Republic of Korea



Luc Gnacadja  
Executive Secretary  
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Desertification (UNCCD)

**Ninth Session of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)  
Round Table for Parliamentarians  
Changwon, Gyeongnam Province, Republic of Korea 13-14 October 2011**

**Provisional Agenda**

<b>Thursday 13 October 2011</b>	
<b>0900 – 0930</b>	Registration of participants
<b>0930 – 1015</b>	Opening ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcoming remarks by Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD</li> <li>- Statement by Hon. Park Hee Tae, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Rep. of Korea</li> <li>- Statement by the Representative of the Inter Parliamentary Union</li> <li>- Statement by Dr. Aristides R. Lima, President of the Parliamentarians Steering Committee</li> </ul>
<b>1015 – 1045</b>	Coffee break
<b>1045 – 1100</b>	Adoption of the agenda and election of the Bureau
<b>1100 – 1200</b>	Item I Panel discussion: Implementation of the UNCCD Ten-Year Strategy: Which role for Parliamentarians?
<b>1200 – 1300</b>	Discussion
<b>1300 – 1500</b>	Lunch break
<b>1500 – 1600</b>	Item II  Panel discussion: Achieving global Sustainability through effective Sustainable Land Management
<b>1600 – 1700</b>	Discussion

<b>Thursday 13 October 2011</b>	
<b>1700 – 1800</b>	Item III Status of the Forum of Parliamentarians
<b>1800</b>	Election of a drafting Committee
<b>1900</b>	Reception offered by the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Rep. of Korea

<b>Friday 14 October</b>	
<b>0930 – 1100</b>	Item IV: Consideration of the draft Declaration by Members of Parliaments
<b>1100 – 1130</b>	Coffee break
<b>1130 – 1300</b>	Continuation of Item IV
<b>1300 – 1500</b>	Lunch break
<b>1500 – 1630</b>	Adoption of the Declaration by Members of Parliaments
<b>1630 – 1700</b>	Election of a new Steering Committee
<b>1700 – 1730</b>	Closing ceremony: - Statement by Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD - Statement by Hon. Park Hee Tae, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Rep. of Korea