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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

The Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-4) will take place in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 29 November to 1 December 2011. The Forum will review global progress in improving the impact and value for money of development aid and make new commitments to further ensure that aid helps reduce poverty and supports progress in meeting the Millennium Development Goals.

The official invitation to HLF-4 promotes the inclusion of parliamentarians in all national delegations. I would therefore like to encourage you to approach the executive branch of your government with a view to including parliamentarians in your national delegation to HLF-4.

Parliaments have a crucial role to play in development and aid effectiveness, particularly in improving a country's ability to assume full ownership of national development policies and programmes and to exercise oversight of development expenditure. Accordingly, the IPU, in cooperation with the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and the Association of European Parliamentarians with Africa (AWEPA), is organising a Parliamentary Forum during HLF-4.

The Parliamentary Forum will take place on 29 November, at the venue of HLF-4, and will be open to all members of parliament already accredited to HLF-4 as part of their national delegations. Further information about the Parliamentary Forum, including the provisional programme and information note for participants, will be disseminated and posted on the IPU website in October.

I very much hope that members of your Parliament can be included in your national delegation to HLF-4 and that they will wish to join us at the Parliamentary Forum on 29 November.

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johnsson
Secretary General