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## PARLIAMENTARY FORUM DURING THE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Mexico will host the First High-level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation on 15 and 16 April 2014. Ministers and high-level officials from all over the world are expected to attend this event. The High-level Meeting will also bring together participants from international organizations, civil society, foundations and the private sector.

The parliamentary community, through the IPU and its partners, has contributed to the development effectiveness debate for quite some time. Part of this contribution was reflected in the Paris Declaration (2005), the Accra Agenda for Action (2008) and the Busan Declaration (2011). Several resolutions, declarations, case studies, reports and other documents have also been prepared to provide additional input from the parliamentary community.<sup>1</sup>

The IPU and that National Assembly of Korea, in cooperation with AWEPA, organized a parliamentary forum on the occasion of the Fourth High-level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF 4) in Busan in November 2011. The report from this forum, which was presented to the HLF 4 plenary, sent a strong message about the role and responsibilities of parliaments in development cooperation. Subsequently, the IPU was invited to represent parliaments on the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation.

There is an urgent need to continue to strengthen the input of parliaments to development cooperation processes that are taking place at the global level. It is therefore proposed that the IPU and the Parliament of Mexico host a parliamentary meeting during the First High-level Meeting of the Global Partnership. It is expected that IPU's close partner in the area of development cooperation, AWEPA, contributes to the organization of the meeting.

**Objective:** The parliamentary meeting will serve to:

- Review how the Global Partnership has done in meeting its commitments on effective development cooperation, particularly those concerning parliaments (indicators 6 and 7);
- Send a strong message about the need to strengthen parliaments so that they can contribute to development effectiveness processes as key partners at the country level;
- Articulate a parliamentary perspective on the key themes of the HLM, including domestic resource mobilization;
- Encourage follow-up by parliaments and their inclusion in aid structures at country level.

**Date:** 14 April 2014

**Draft Agenda:** The agenda will be developed jointly by the IPU and the Parliament of Mexico. The agenda will determine the length of the meeting.

**Outcome:** The IPU will propose to the Global Partnership Steering Committee that a report from the parliamentary meeting be presented to the High-level Meeting on the first day.

**Participation:** The parliamentary meeting is intended for all members of parliament and parliamentary staff who will attend the Global Partnership High-level Meeting as part of their country delegations.

**Languages:** The languages of the parliamentary meeting will be English, French and Spanish.

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- ✓ Legislative Principles for Development Effectiveness (2011; drafted in consultation with MPs through AWEPA, IPU, PNoWB, ACP-EU PA, the NAP and the PAP)
- ✓ AWEPA Research (2011) on Evidence of Strengthened Parliamentary Oversight of Development Expenditure
- ✓ The Resolution "Parliamentary Oversight of State Policies on Foreign Aid," adopted by the 118<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly (2008)
- ✓ The SADC Parliamentary Plan of Action on Aid Effectiveness (2009)
- ✓ The Publication "Safeguarding the interests of the People: Parliamentarians and Aid Effectiveness" (2010)
- ✓ ACP-EU JPA Budapest Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (2011)
- ✓ EC Reference Document Number 8: "Engaging and Supporting Parliaments Worldwide: Strategies and Methodologies for EC Action in Support to Parliaments" (2010)
- ✓ The IPU publication: "Making Aid Work: Towards Better Development Results-Practical Guidance for Parliamentarians on the Role of Parliaments in Development Effectiveness" (2010)
- ✓ IPU Case studies on parliaments' role in development aid in Tanzania, Zambia, Vietnam and Cambodia (2009/2010)
- ✓ The WP-EFF "First Terms of Reference for an Outline of the Busan Declaration" (2011)
- ✓ The NAP (Network of African Parliamentarians) HLF-4 concept note (2011)
- ✓ The April WP-EFF Cluster A chapter submission on the role of parliament in ownership and accountability (2011)
- ✓ Conclusions of the 9 March meeting of parliamentary organization (IPU, PNoWB, AWEPA) (2011)