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Madam President,
Mr. President,

We are pleased to invite your parliament to participate in the Fourth Parliamentary Forum on Shaping the Information Society on “The Triple Challenge of Cyber-Security: Information, Citizens and Infrastructure”.

The event is co-organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA), the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), through the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament, a partnership initiative of the UN and IPU. It will be held from 18 to 20 May 2011 at the International Labour Organization (ILO) Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Forum will take place in the context of the WSIS Forum 2011, a whole week dedicated by the United Nations to review with various stakeholders - governments, businesses, civil society and international organizations - the results achieved by the international community five years after the World Summit on the Information Society (see www.wsis.org).

The Fourth Parliamentary Forum on Shaping the Information Society builds on the results of the previous editions of 2008, 2009 and 2010 and intends to strengthen the dialogue among legislators on parliamentary actions that can contribute to the development of inclusive and people-centred information societies.

The Fourth Parliamentary Forum will focus on the representative, law-making and oversight responsibilities of members of parliaments in the area of cyber-security. It will address the particular challenges posed by the illicit use of information and communication technologies, such as the safeguarding of citizens in the connected environment; the protection of State information, data and infrastructures; and the transnational response to cybercrime.

We are pleased to enclose the aide mémoire, preliminary agenda, annotated agenda and practical information note on this Parliamentary Forum. Additional information concerning the Forum will be made available on the web site of the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament at: www.ictparliament.org/parliamentaryforum2011.

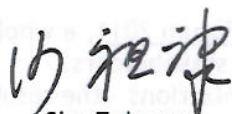
It is proposed that delegations be led by Chairs/Presidents of parliamentary committees with responsibility for science, technology, information and telecommunications.

The names of the full delegation of your Parliament should be submitted to the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament by 6 May 2011 using the enclosed registration form (e-mail: info@ictparliament.org; fax: +39 0668211960). Delegations can also register online at the Conference web page mentioned above.

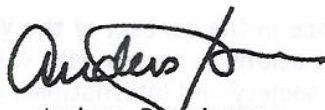
To stimulate discussion during the Forum and share important policy elements with parliaments from around the world, we kindly request your parliament to submit in advance a written contribution describing the legislative and oversight actions taken to address cyber-security issues. The contribution should follow the guideline contained in the enclosed template.

We very much hope that your Parliament will participate in this event, and we look forward to receiving the names of your delegates in due course.

Please accept, Madam/Mr. President, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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