



**2004 PARLIAMENTARY HEARING AT THE UNITED NATIONS**  
**59<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Information Note**

The meeting will take place in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), inside the main UN building (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) on **19 and 20 October 2004**, beginning at 10 a.m.

The President of the IPU, Senator Sergio Páez, will chair. The UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, is expected to welcome participants at the opening. Panels will feature senior officials of the United Nations as well as experts from prominent think tanks, universities, and the diplomatic corps. A complete list of discussants and rapporteurs will be circulated at a later date.

LANGUAGES

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided into English and French - the Union's official languages - as well as into Spanish and Arabic. National delegations needing interpretation in other languages may obtain an interpreter's booth on a first-come-first-served basis by written request addressed to the Office of the IPU Permanent Observer to the United Nations (see registration form for mailing coordinates).

DOCUMENTS

Background notes for the three agenda items will be forwarded to all member parliaments in advance.

RECEPTION

All participants are cordially invited to a reception on the first day of the meeting (19 October) in the Delegates' Dining Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor of the UN building), beginning at 6 p.m.

## BADGE TO ENTER THE UN BUILDING

Security arrangements at the UN are very strict and no one is allowed to enter without a special badge. This must be obtained in advance through your country's Permanent Mission at the United Nations, and at the request of your parliamentary delegation. The IPU does not handle requests for passes directly.

## REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Interested participants must register as soon as possible by faxing the attached registration form to the Office of the IPU Permanent Observer to the United Nations in New York. If preferred, the names and titles of participants can be transmitted by e-mail (please include country of origin, parliamentary title, etc. as per the registration form), beginning with the name of the Head of Delegation.

Accompanying staff such as secretaries, press officers and others must be listed separately on the appropriate box in the form.

## DEBATE ON UN-IPU COOPERATION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Members of Parliament are also encouraged to be present at the UN on **21 October** (tentative date to be confirmed), when the General Assembly will take up the agenda item on cooperation with other international organizations, including the Inter-Parliamentary Union.