



2007 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations



**ECOSOC Chamber
20 – 21 November 2007**

13 August 2007

CONVOCATION OF THE 2007 PARLIAMENTARY HEARING AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Excellency,

We are pleased to announce that the 2007 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations during the 62nd session of the General Assembly will take place in the ECOSOC Chamber at United Nations Headquarters in New York, on 20 and 21 November. We attach particular importance to this hearing, not least because it is the first time that we are holding it as a joint informal UN-IPU event, as referred to in paragraph 7 of General Assembly Resolution 61/6. You will find attached an information note and registration form.

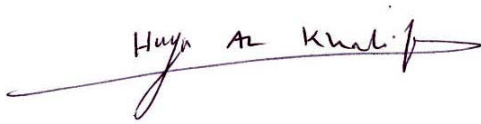
This year's meeting is entitled ***“Reinforcing the Rule of Law in International Relations: The Key Role of Parliaments”***. The discussions will centre on the following aspects:

- priorities, challenges and goals of the new United Nations management team;
- observing the rule of law in the implementation of key international commitments in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;
- follow-up to the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and challenges in the formulation of an International Convention on Terrorism;
- the legacy of the international tribunals and building national capacities for an effective international criminal justice regime.

The full agenda and document sets will be sent to parliaments in September. Each session of the Hearing – to be organized in the form of panel discussions - will be assisted by a rapporteur, who will present a summary of discussions in the afternoon of the second day and submit conclusions and recommendations. The Report of the Parliamentary Hearing will subsequently be circulated.

As in the past, the 2007 Parliamentary Hearing will bring together legislators who are part of their national delegations to the United Nations General Assembly, as well as all other interested parliamentarians, in particular those whose work in their parliamentary committees concerns the issues outlined above. We kindly ask that you nominate a delegation to take part in this important event, and that the composition of your delegation be communicated by November 5, 2007.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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President of the 61st Session
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