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Parliamentary Forum on the occasion of the United Nations International Conference on Financing for Development

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

As you know, the Inter-Parliamentary Union has taken a keen interest in the International Conference on Financing for Development. The Union has provided support to the event by encouraging parliaments to take an active part in its preparation and organising debates on some of the themes relating to the conference.

The international conference will take place in Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 - 22 March 2002. As these dates coincide with the forthcoming 107th IPU Conference in Marrakech, the Union's governing bodies have reluctantly had to refrain from organising a parliamentary meeting in parallel to the conference in Monterrey.

When meeting in late January this year, the Executive Committee was however pleased to note that the Mexican Parliament was considering holding a parliamentary meeting on the eve of the Monterrey conference. Since then these plans have been finalised and the one-day parliamentary forum will now take place in Mexico City on 16 March 2002. The meeting will take place in the Mexican Senate and will be open to all members of parliament who are travelling to Monterrey to attend the international conference.

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the invitation issued by the Mexican Parliament as well as registration forms and other practical information. For additional information regarding the practical arrangements for the meeting you may wish to contact the Mexican Parliament directly:

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May I also encourage you to share this communication with members of parliament who may be part of your country's delegation to the conference in Monterrey or who may otherwise have plans to attend that conference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anders B. Johnsson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Anders B. Johnsson
Secretary General