

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Geneva, 28 July 2006

Dear Madam Speaker/Dear Mr. Speaker,

I am writing to inform you that the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is holding a conference in Geneva on parliamentary broadcasting on Thursday 19 October 2006, immediately after the 115th IPU Assembly. The conference is being organised jointly with the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) and the European Broadcasting Union (EBU).

The Geneva conference will provide an expert forum for the discussion of parliamentary broadcasting. The participants will exchange experiences and discuss how materials can be usefully shared. It will be attended by parliamentarians, senior representatives of public broadcasters, directors of parliamentary channels, senior EBU officials, and Secretaries General of Parliaments. It will be open to the press.

The Conference will take place at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG). Interpretation will be provided in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

I would be most grateful if your Parliament could delegate a member with suitable expertise to attend the event.

Pending the dispatch of a full set of background documents, I would much appreciate it if your office could complete the attached questionnaire and return it to the IPU Secretariat in Geneva by Monday 4th September 2006.

Yours sincerely,

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