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### 3<sup>rd</sup> World Conference of Speakers of Parliament

19-21 July 2010

United Nations - Palais des Nations - Geneva

**General theme:** Securing global democratic accountability

Programme: <http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/speakers10.htm> IPU website: [www.ipu.org](http://www.ipu.org)

**Attendance:**

Some 150 Speakers of Parliament from all the regions of the world. Many of them are the second and third highest-ranking office-holder of their respective State. The United Nations Secretary-General will be present for the inaugural ceremony.

**General information:**

- The IPU will provide accreditation for journalists and cameramen accompanying delegations (please use attached form). Journalists with UN badges do not need IPU badges.
- Working space will be provided for journalists in Room IX (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, near the Pas-Perdus Hall) as well as WIFI connection for laptops and audio boxes with the original language and English.
- Journalists, photographers and cameramen may follow the debates from the 5<sup>th</sup> floor gallery (*Lausanne side*) in the Assembly Hall. There will be spaces in the front row of the gallery for TV cameras. Audio boxes with the original language and English will be provided.
- Photographers and cameramen will be allowed to take pictures and film on the floor of the Assembly Hall for a few minutes, at the opening of the conference on Monday 19 July in coordination with the IPU staff. Cameramen may film on the shoulder only. No tripods will be allowed. Subsequent filming may be done from the press gallery, with tripods.
- A camera crew, a press photographer and the official photographer of the country's Speaker of Parliament may cover their representative from designated positions on the floor. Other coverage may be done from the press gallery.
- A pool of photographers designated by the IPU will be allowed limited access to the floor during the meeting.
- Television crews may plug in and record the live proceedings from the Assembly Hall in the UN television studio area on the *Rez-de -Chaussée* in the E building.
- Room VI (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, near the Delegates Bar) will be available for one-to-one TV interviews (no interpretation provided by IPU or UN, on the basis of prior reservations, first come-first served).
- Two locations are available outside the Assembly Room, for stand up interviews in front of IPU banners.
- Journalists are authorized to approach delegations in the Assembly Hall to set up interviews (UN or IPU press badges required). Interviews will also be facilitated by the IPU Communication & Information team upon request.
- Speakers of Parliament may officially brief the press if they so wish after booking with IPU Communication & Information team. No interpretation will be provided by the IPU or by UN.
- IPU press releases will be issued before and at the end of the Conference.

- Speeches of Speakers of Parliament will be available upon request after delivery.
- Photos of the Speakers of Parliament delivering their speeches will be made available to delegations and to journalists by the IPU photographer Giancarlo Fortunato upon request (from 1-2 p.m. and after 6 p.m. Tel:
- The official photo of all Speakers of Parliament will be taken in the *Cour d'honneur* (outside) of the Palais des Nations on Monday 19 July at 12.30.
- Due to space constraints, the only photographer authorized to take pictures at the lunch hosted by the IPU President is Giancarlo Fortunato. Photos will be available upon request.

### **Press conferences**

- Wednesday 7 July, 9.30 a.m., at the Swiss Press Club (*Club Suisse de la Presse*, 106, rte de Ferney Geneva), in the presence of the Speakers of the two Swiss Federal Chambers, Ms. Pascale Bruderer Wyss and Ms. Erika Forster Vannini, and the IPU Secretary General, Mr. Anders B. Johnsson.
- In Bern, where the Women Speakers of Parliament will meet (16-17 July) prior to the main event in Geneva (19-21 July), a press conference will be held, on 16 July at the Palais federal, with the IPU President Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab (Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia), and the two Speakers of the Swiss Federal Chambers.

### **Radio**

- The two UN Radio studios, located near Door 6, will be available for production services (free of charge for journalists) on a first-come-first served basis. Reservations at the UN Radio studios, tel.: + 41 22 917 1077 or + 41 22 917 2566.
- Broadcasters should cover the costs of telephone transmissions by placing the call from their station.

### **TV**

- Sessions will be made available via Eurovision's World Feed Chargeable service. Broadcasters wishing to receive a transmission should contact [worldfeed@eurovision.net](mailto:worldfeed@eurovision.net) for further information. Prices vary from country to country and depend on the duration.

### **Other possible footage for journalists, photographers and cameramen:**

- Exhibition on IPU activities in the hallway outside the Assembly Hall (Pas-Perdus) with a broad range of materials on the work of parliaments.
- Outside the Palais des Nations, IPU flags will be flown on the Mont-Blanc Bridge during the Conference.

### **Other event:**

- Tuesday 20 July at 1 p.m.: screening of the documentary movie COUNTDOWN TO ZERO, about the escalating global nuclear arms crisis that premiered at Sundance Film Festival. It features an array of international experts and statesmen and makes a case for worldwide nuclear disarmament.

### **Information, interviews, UNTV and EBU-Eurovision:**

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