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**Parliamentary Forum on the occasion of the
7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government
Vienna, Austria, 25 June 2007**

Background

The 7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government will take place at the Vienna International conference Centre from 26 to 29 June 2007. It is organized as part of a UN system-wide partnership led by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with several partners organised within an Institutional Partners Group. The IPU is a member of this Group. The Government of Austria is also co-operating in the organisation of the event.

The Forum's theme is 'Building Trust in Government'. This theme has been chosen on the premise that governments must earn the trust of citizens by strengthening popular participation in the policy process, by promoting cohesion between communities and by practicing transparent, accountable and effective governance.

Participants in the Forum will include Heads of State, ministers, members of parliament, senior government officials, representatives of international organisations, civil society and the private sector. The Forum will explore strategies and innovations that generate improvements in governance and earn the trust of citizens.

The IPU, in co-operation with the Austrian Parliament will organise a one-day Parliamentary Forum as a prelude to the Global Forum itself.

Objectives and outcomes

The Parliamentary Forum is meant to bring a parliamentary dimension to the Global Forum. It will provide an opportunity for the parliamentarians attending the Global Forum to express their views and share experiences on matters related to governance. Special emphasis will be placed on transparency and accountability in government through parliamentary oversight as a means of restoring trust in governing institutions. A report on the proceedings of the Parliamentary Forum shall be presented to the Global Forum plenary session on 'Trust, the Electoral and Parliamentary Process'. This report will be part of the official proceedings of the Global Forum.

Participants

Participants in the Parliamentary Forum must be members of Parliament and must be registered participants of the Global Forum. Registration can be performed on-line at www.7thglobalforum.org. Some 100-150 members of parliament are expected to attend the Parliamentary Forum. Parliamentarians have the possibility of sending a picture to 7gforum@unvienna.org. By so doing, their security badges will be ready at the Austria Center in Vienna, which would facilitate their registration. The format of the picture has to be JPG, size not less than 3x4 cm (115x156 pixels) and not more than 8 x 11 cm (290 x 400 pixels). NO OTHER FORMAT CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Date

The Parliamentary Forum will take place on 25 June 2006. Two sessions will be held from 9 am to 12 pm and from 2 pm to 5pm.

Venue

The Austrian Parliament shall host the Parliamentary Forum in the plenary chamber of the National Council (lower House of Parliament) located at: Dr. Karl-Renner-Ring 3, 1017 Vienna, Austria.

Technical details

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish. Two additional channels will be assigned for interpretation into other languages by interpreters brought at their own expense by participants who do not speak the above languages. Official written documentation will be available in English and French only.

Visas

Participants shall be responsible for obtaining entry visas prior to entering Austria.

Hotel accommodation

All participants are urged to book **hotel accommodation early, as soon as possible**, as the period of the Global Forum in late June coincides with the peak of the summer tourist season in Vienna. To book hotel accommodations please go to: <http://www.austropa-interconvention.at/congress/un2007/hotel.asp>. **Finding hotel accommodations for the Global Forum without an early booking might be very difficult.**

The United Nations, the organisers of the Global Forum cannot be held responsible for booking hotel accommodation or for keeping hotel bookings on behalf of Global Forum participants. It is suggested that participants utilize the services of Austropa INTERCONVENTION, which is the recommended housing office and travel agent for the 7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government.

Requests for information

Requests for further information concerning the Global forum should be addressed to 7thglobalforum@un.org; telephone: +1212 963 8746; fax: +1917 367 0624.

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