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## PARLIAMENTARY MEETING ON THE OCCASION OF THE WORLD FOOD SUMMIT: FIVE YEARS LATER (Rome, 11 June 2002)

Dear Madam President,  
Dear Mr. President,

I have pleasure in informing you that, in conformity with the decision of the IPU Council taken at its 170<sup>th</sup> session in Marrakech, the Inter-Parliamentary Union will organise a meeting of members of parliament attending the *World Food Summit: five years later*, to be held by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome from 10 to 13 June 2002. As you are no doubt aware, the IPU was instrumental in ensuring active parliamentary involvement in the World Food Summit back in 1996 and organised a parliamentary follow-up Conference in Rome in 1998.

You will find enclosed a letter of invitation to the **Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of the *World Food Summit: five years later*** from the Italian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, an invitation letter co-signed by the Presidents of the two Chambers of the Italian Parliament will follow soon. The meeting will be held on **11 June 2002** on the premises of the **Senate**. As you will see from the enclosed provisional Programme, the meeting will start at 10 a.m. and is expected to conclude its work in the afternoon of the same day. The meeting's deliberations will follow the model of similar events organised by the Union in connection with major United Nations fora in the past.

The Parliamentary Meeting will be open to all MPs attending the *World Food Summit: five years later*. Participation in the meeting will enable them to receive first-hand knowledge of the main issues and orientations of the Summit, as well as information on last-minute developments with regard to the preparation of the Summit's outcome documents. Participants will be able to exchange views concerning parliamentary strategies for effective follow-up to the Summit decisions, in particular through the adoption of appropriate legislation and the mobilisation of adequate financial resources.

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The Italian hosts will provide interpretation of the proceedings of the Parliamentary Meeting in English, French, Spanish and Italian.

It is assumed that, as a rule, all matters relating to visas, hotel accommodation and transportation of parliamentarians will be taken care of by the respective official national delegations to the Summit in contact with the Summit's Secretariat. When this is not the case, you may wish to seek assistance from the Institute for Relations between Italy and the Countries of Africa, Latin America and the Middle East (IPALMO), which has been requested by the Italian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to provide organisational and logistical support to the meeting.

I very much hope that members of your Parliament will be part of your country's delegation to the World Food Summit and that they will be able to attend the Parliamentary Meeting on 11 June. To this end, may I kindly request you to bring the invitation and related documents to the notice of the parliamentarians concerned and ask them to complete and return the enclosed registration form as soon as possible.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation in this matter,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anders B. Johnsson', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Anders B. Johnsson  
Secretary General