



## PARLIAMENTARY PANEL WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

Geneva (PALEXPO), 11 December 2003

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### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

The Parliamentary Panel will take place in Room H at PALEXPO (Chemin Edouard-Sarasin, Le Grand Saconnex, Geneva) from 3 to 6 p.m. on 11 December 2003. The event is open to members of parliament and other delegates duly accredited to the Summit and wearing a valid WSIS badge.

3 p.m. Opening of the session.  
Welcome address by **Mr. Anders B. Johnsson**, IPU Secretary General

**Panel discussion** "Shaping an enabling normative environment for the Information Society: the role and responsibility of parliaments"

*Within the overall theme, the Panel will focus more specifically on the role of parliaments in promoting good governance and the rule of law through the Internet, on the concept and practice of e-parliaments, and on the question of which institutions should be empowered with regulative authority for Internet-related public policy issues.*

Moderator

- **Ms. Muriel Siki**, Journalist (Télévision suisse romande)

Panellists

- **Mr. Patrice Martin-Lalande**, Member of the National Assembly (France)
- **Ms. Isabelle Fila Lemina**, Member of the National Assembly (Congo)
- **Mr. Malcom Harbour**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Mr. Steven Clift**, Expert on e-democracy (USA)
- **Mr. Blagovest Sendov**, UNESCO Advisor, Former President of the Bulgarian Parliament, Ambassador of Bulgaria to Japan
- **Mr. Pierre Dandjinou**, UNDP

*Following introductory statements by the panellists, the audience will be invited to make comments and observations pertinent to the theme of the Panel and to put direct questions to the panellists.*

6 p.m. Closure of the session.