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SUMMIT ON THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs)

The United Nations will hold a High-level Meeting of Heads of State and/or Government on the Millennium Development Goals at its New York headquarters, from 19 to 22 September 2010.

The MDG Summit will review progress and setbacks in the commitment that governments made ten years ago to halve poverty and hunger and to make strong inroads toward other key development indicators - such as basic education, child and maternal health, HIV/AIDS, gender equality, and environmental sustainability - by 2015. The Summit will conclude with an Outcome Document outlining the critical policies that will need to be implemented in the remaining five years for all MDGs to be achieved in all countries.

The IPU is one of the few organizations invited to participate in the Summit. The IPU President will deliver a statement to the Heads of State which will draw on the outcome of this 3rd Speakers Conference. IPU representatives are invited to sit on the six official roundtables of the Summit.

In addition, together with the UN Millennium Campaign, the IPU is convening a meeting for members of parliament who will be attending the MDG Summit as part of their national delegations. The meeting, entitled *Mobilizing parliamentary support for MDG policies and plans*, will take place on Tuesday, 21 September, from 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Conference Room 7). On this occasion, the IPU and the UN Millennium Campaign will present a new study on ways in which parliaments have been able to integrate the MDGs into their work.

The IPU would be grateful if this information could be brought to the attention of those members of parliament who may be part of the national delegations attending the MDG Summit. They are cordially invited to participate in the Summit roundtables, as well as in the meeting for parliamentarians on 21 September.