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**All Africa Parliamentary Conference on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 22 - 24 May 2012**

Dear Mr. Speaker,  
Dear Madam Speaker,

The United Nations is organizing the All Africa Parliamentary Conference on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from **22 to 24 May 2012**. I am pleased to invite your parliament to be represented at this major event which the IPU is formally sponsoring.

The MDGs have become an essential part of the policy framework of African countries. They have been integrated into national poverty reduction and strategy documents, and have informed programming and budgeting by governments and donors. African political and economic institutions at the highest levels have signed up to them and have set up regular monitoring and reporting mechanisms.

Still, much remains to be done to help most African countries achieve all of the MDGs. The MDGs are now entering the last phase of implementation and governments are being called upon to accelerate progress towards achievement of the targets by the deadline of 2015. More than ever before, there is a need to scale up the involvement of parliaments so as to ensure legislation of appropriate policies, appropriation of adequate resources and effective oversight of program implementation.

The purpose of the All Africa Parliamentary Conference on the MDGs is threefold:

1. Take stock of progress on the MDGs made so far by African countries in the context of the changing global political and economic environment;
2. Identify gaps and constraints, and suggest ways to accelerate progress;
3. Develop strategies for strengthening parliamentary engagement, including through stronger parliament-civil society relationships, to help accelerate progress towards the MDGs and formulate a post-2015 development agenda.

The conference will bring together members of parliament from the African continent with a demonstrated commitment to the MDGs. A select group of civil society representatives and academics will also participate to help foster multi-stakeholder engagement.

I would like to invite you to appoint up to three members of your parliament with the appropriate background to participate in the Parliamentary Conference. I enclose the provisional agenda of the conference.

All logistical details and other information about the meeting are being handled by the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Ethiopia and will be circulated under separate cover. To allow for sufficient processing time, registrations should be sent by **30 April 2012 latest** to Mr. Yitagesu Zewdu, UN National MDGs Campaign Coordinator (UN Resident Coordinator's Office), at [yitagesu.zewdu@one.un.org](mailto:yitagesu.zewdu@one.un.org) or +251-115-515147.

I hope very much that you will be able to accept this invitation. As we approach the final stretch toward the MDGs, we count on your parliament's support and engagement.

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