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Direcția Generală Afaceri Externe**

București, 10 aprilie 2008
Nr. 62a/ 612

MEMORANDUM INTERN

De la: Nadia Ionescu, director

[Signature]
11.04.2008

Către: domnul Mihai Unghianu, secretar general adjunct al Camerei Deputaților

Tema: Participarea la lucrările Forumului parlamentar organizat de Departamentul pentru probleme economice și sociale din cadrul ONU, 14-15 mai 2008, Geneva, Elveția.

Domnul Sha Zukang, având calitatea de subsecretar general în cadrul ONU a transmis domnului Bogdan Olteanu, Președintele Camerei Deputaților o invitație pentru a participa la lucrările Forumului parlamentar organizat de Departamentul pentru probleme economice și sociale din cadrul ONU ce va avea loc la Geneva, 14-15 mai 2008.

Forumul este menit să ofere parlamentarilor un prilej de a realiza un schimb de experiență privind practica legislativă referitoare la societatea informațională.

Din partea Camerei Deputaților a fost desemnat să participe la lucrările acestui Forum domnul deputat Varujan Pambuccian, șeful Comisiei pentru tehnologia informației și comunicațiilor.

Acțiunea are caracter parlamentar conform art.3, lit e. al HBP 1/2003, modificată și completată prin HBP 5/2007.

Propunem:

- să se aprobe participarea domnului deputat Varujan Pambuccian la această acțiune;

- deplasarea să se efectueze pe ruta București- Geneva și retur, cu plecare în data de 13.05.2008, ora 13.40, zbor LX 1893, și întoarcerea pe data de 16.05.2008, ora 13.00, zbor LX 1884;

- să se acorde drepturi de cazare plafon B, pentru 3 nopți, drepturi de diurnă categoria a doua pentru 3 zile precum și un avans de 50% cu decontare ulterioară, recalculearea drepturilor urmând a se face la întoarcere, pe baza documentelor justificative.


Director,
Nadia Ionescu

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27 March 2008

Excellency,

I am pleased to invite your Parliament to participate in the Forum "Shaping the Information Society: the role of Parliaments and Legislators".

This parliamentary forum, organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, through the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament, will be held on 14 and 15 May 2008 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The meeting takes place in conjunction with a number of events organized in Geneva between 13 and 23 May 2008 to advance the implementation process of the World Summit on the Information Society (<http://www.itu.int/wsis/index.html>).

The Forum intends to provide an opportunity for parliamentarians to share experiences and legislative practices on Information Society-related issues, hold discussions with peers, experts and representatives of the United Nations in an international setting, and identify effective modalities for future cooperation.

I encourage you to designate a delegation of up to two members of your Parliament with responsibility and experience in Information Society. The relevant documentation, including the agenda, is enclosed for your reference.

The nomination of your delegation should be submitted to the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament (e-mail: info@ictparliament.org, fax: +39-06-68211960) by 30 April 2008.

I very much hope that your Parliament will participate in this event, and we look forward to receiving your reply.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Sha Zukang

Under-Secretary-General

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**Shaping the Information Society:
The Role of Parliaments and Legislators**

**14-15 May 2008
Room XI - Palais des Nations
Geneva, Switzerland**

DRAFT AGENDA

10:00 - 10:30	Inaugural Session Welcome remarks and meeting objectives
10:30 - 13:00	Session one – <i>Implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society goals</i> Theme 1: The United Nations system at work: multi-stakeholder partnerships Several UN entities are engaged in efforts to implement recommendations developed through the WSIS process. This panel involving UN representatives will highlight the complementary nature of these efforts and how together they are making progress toward an equitable and democratic information society. Panel: • United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development • The United Nations Group on the Information Society • The Internet Governance Forum Open discussion Theme 2: Tracking progress: Bridging the digital divide Recent international studies have contributed to providing an overview of recent progress on the growth of ICT infrastructure and on the ways in which governments and parliaments are employing ICT. This panel will discuss the progress made toward bridging the digital divide based on the results of these studies. Panel: • The World Information Society Report and the Digital Opportunity Index • e-Government readiness: from e-government to connected governance • The World e-Parliament Report 2008 Open discussion

13:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 – 18:00	Session two – <i>Role of parliaments in advancing the Information Society</i>
	Theme 1: Fulfilling parliamentary responsibilities By exercising their legislative, representative, and oversight functions, parliaments have a responsibility to address issues associated with the information society and to play a leadership role in this field. This panel will focus on examples highlighting different ways in which parliament has become an effective player in shaping the information society. Open discussion Theme 2: Organizational approaches in parliaments Parliaments have taken different institutional approaches to information society issues depending on their organization and political environment. This panel will present examples from parliaments in different regions of the world, including crosscutting mechanisms and reliance on committee structures. Open discussion

10:00 – 13:00	Session three – <i>The legislative role in promoting an equitable information society</i>
	Theme 1: Bringing the information society to all Parliaments can promote opportunities to expand access to the Internet through policies that increase investments and create more technology options for the consumer. This panel will address ways in which policy initiatives and legislative actions can expand ICT availability by: • Creating incentives for ICT development • Expanding broadband infrastructure and connectivity Open discussion Theme 2: Ensuring equitable access Legislatures have a responsibility to ensure that all citizens have opportunities to benefit from the information society. For those who lack the resources to acquire technology or where the ICT infrastructure is not fully developed, other mechanisms need to be available within the community. Broad access to information resources as well as technology is equally critical. This panel will discuss mechanisms for: • Supporting schools, libraries, health clinics, and other public Internet access points • Making government information open and available to diverse audiences Open discussion

13:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 – 17:30	Session four – <i>Parliament's role in guaranteeing citizen rights in the information society</i>
	Theme 1: Guaranteeing fundamental rights in the Web 2.0 environment The growth of the Web is providing new opportunities for people to express opinions, communicate with others and participate in the governing process. Parliaments play a key role in guaranteeing citizens participation and in protecting fundamental rights within the context of a dynamic information society. This panel will address legislative consideration of such issues as: • Ensuring citizen rights of expression in the evolving Internet world • Expanding opportunities for citizens to contribute to parliamentary debates Open discussion Theme 2: Protecting privacy in the Internet era The widespread use of ICT throughout society raises concerns about how best to ensure individual privacy. Due to the global nature of the Internet, the effectiveness of legislative actions designed to maintain personal privacy could be substantially improved through comparable legal frameworks across countries. This panel will identify common legislative approaches in the areas of: • Data protection laws • Maintaining privacy in the interactive, online environment Open discussion
17:30 – 18:00	Closing Session Next steps and concluding remarks



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REGISTRATION FORM		
The deadline for registration is <u>30 April 2008.</u>		Global Centre for ICT in Parliament Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, 251 Rome - Italy Tel: +39 06 681 36320 ext. 205 Fax: +39 06 68211960 Email: info@ictparliament.org http://www.ictparliament.org

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Date and Venue

The Parliamentary Forum "Shaping the Information Society: the Role of Parliaments and Legislators" will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XI, from the 14 to 15 May 2008.

Room XI is located in Building AB, 3rd Floor of Palais des Nations. For a map of the Palais des Nations, please visit <http://www.unog.ch>.

Badges

Security arrangements are very strict and no one may enter the United Nations premises without a special badge (for delegates and visitors). Participants must therefore request their badge from their delegations and diplomatic missions to the United Nations in Geneva. For the list and contact information of the delegations and diplomatic missions, please visit: <http://www.unog.ch>.

List of Delegates

A provisional List of Delegates will be issued on the basis of confirmations received by the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament up to 30 April 2008. For technical reasons, it will not be possible to produce a revised list on the spot, but one will be issued after the end of the session and placed on the Global Centre's website.

Languages

The working languages of the meeting will be English, French and Spanish.

Visas

Attention is drawn to the strict provisions in force regarding entry into Switzerland, which refuses entry to those not having the required visa. Delegates requiring an entry visa must obtain it from the Swiss Consulate or Diplomatic Mission responsible for the necessary arrangements in their country of residence.

French entry (not transit) visas are required for certain nationalities when transiting a French airport en route to Geneva. Those delegates who wish, upon arrival in Geneva, to cross the border into France must obtain visas in their country of residence before departure, as they are not obtainable in Geneva.

Hotel Accommodation

Delegates will be responsible for their own hotel expenses. Delegations from countries having a Permanent Mission in Geneva are kindly requested to make their hotel reservations through their respective Mission. Most Missions are used to receiving national delegations to UN meetings and to handling hotel reservations for them and many have signed preferential tariff agreements with hotels close to the Palais des Nations area.

Delegations from countries that do not have a diplomatic representation in Geneva may reserve their rooms either via their preferred tourist operator or through the Geneva Tourist Office. Should delegations wish to use the services offered by the Geneva Tourist Office, they are kindly requested to contact Genève Tourisme. However, attention is drawn to the fact that, according to the practice of all hotels in Geneva, only reservations with details of a credit cards as a guarantee will be confirmed.

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