

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

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

**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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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