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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

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Dear Secretary General,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament, a joint initiative of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), established in 2006 to promote the role of parliaments in advancing the Information Society as well as the effective use of ICT for the modernization of parliamentary processes, is organizing the International Workshop entitled “**e-Parliament: Managing Innovation**” to be held on **Wednesday, 10 October 2007**, in Geneva, Switzerland.

The primary objective of the Workshop, held in parallel with the 117th IPU Assembly and the meeting of the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP), is to explore the issues and challenges that parliaments have to face in keeping up with the impact of new technologies and highlight the skills, technologies and approaches required to harness ICT opportunities. The Workshop is aimed at parliamentary staff and officials who work in the ICT-related domain, such as IT administrators, legislative staff, knowledge managers and librarians.

I also echo the pleasure of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in notifying you that the above-mentioned Workshop will be followed, **on 11 October 2007**, by the **World e-Parliament Conference 2007** organized jointly by UNDESA, IPU and ASGP, through the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament. For the ease of reference, please find enclosed a copy of the invitation to the Conference which was recently sent to Speakers/Presidents of Parliament around the world.

Please also find herewith enclosed the provisional agendas of the Conference and the International Workshop, as well as a copy of the registration form. A full set of background documents, including a practical information note, will be posted on the web sites of the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament (www.ictparliament.org) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (www.ipu.org) in the coming days.

Against this background, I would like to invite you to nominate a delegation of up to three parliamentary staff in representation of your Institution to attend the **International Workshop** and the **World eParliament Conference 2007** on 10 and 11 October 2007.

I am pleased to inform you that to promote a balanced representation, the United Nations will be able to support the participation of a number of parliamentary staff from developing countries.

Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament at the following e-mail address: info@ictparliament.org.

I look forward to the participation of your Parliament in these events and would greatly appreciate it if you would inform the organizers of the names of the participants no later than 28 September 2007.

Yours sincerely,



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