



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF ALBANIA

Developing a Protective Framework for Children: the Role of Parliamentarians to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents

Regional parliamentary seminar hosted by the Parliament of Albania and organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Tirana, Albania 14-15 December 2008

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INVITATION

Dear Mr. President,

We are pleased to invite your Parliament to take part in the regional seminar **Developing a Protective Framework for Children: the Role of Parliamentarians to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents**, which will be held in Tirana from 14 to 15 December 2008.

The fulfilment of children's rights, including those related to protection, is a crucial objective for each and every country. It is a precondition for building sustainable, peaceful and fair societies and for the improvement of the lives of future generations. This objective depends on a global movement in which everyone understands and respects their duties to children and, most importantly, acts upon them.

Parliaments and their members are key actors in ensuring respect for children's rights and their protection. Their legislative, oversight and representative functions, in addition to their power to allocate financial resources, put them in a central position to champion child protection.

The regional parliamentary seminar, organised jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and hosted by the Parliament of Albania, aims at facilitating debate on ways and mechanisms of developing a protective framework for children, with a particular focus on prevention and response to sexual exploitation of children. The seminar will address all functions of a parliament – legislation, oversight and representation – and examine how these can serve to protect children. Experience from various countries will be presented, and specific case studies addressed. You will find enclosed the draft agenda and a general information document, together with a registration form.

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Såfremt der er medlemmer, som ønsker at deltage i mødet, bedes dette meddelt sekretariatet senest den 6/11-08 mhp. drøftelse af deltagelse på udvalgsrådet.

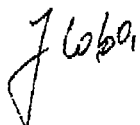
cc: Ms. Eva Esmarch, Secretary of the Danish Inter-Parliamentary Group



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The seminar is open to Members of Parliament and parliamentary staff and your Parliament is invited to send up to 5 participants. We encourage your parliament to send a delegation composed of members that actively work on child protection issues or belong to parliamentary committees that oversee child protection issues in your country. In line with the IPU's stated objective to promote partnership between men and women in political life, parliaments should aim at including an equal number of men and women members. Your delegation should also be representative of the political configuration of the parliament. You are also invited to include parliamentary staff members from the competent parliamentary committees.

We very much hope that your Parliament will participate in this Seminar and look forward to your response.



Jozefina Topalli Coba
Speaker
Parliament of Albania



Anders B. Johnsson
Secretary General
Inter-Parliamentary Union



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CONCEPT PAPER

The Inter-Parliamentary Union and UNICEF will organise a regional seminar for parliaments of the CEE-CIS region on "**Developing a Protective Framework for Children: the Role of Parliamentarians to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents**". The seminar is hosted by the Parliament of Albania and will take place in:

Tirana
from 14 to 15 December 2008

The seminar will take place at the Tirana International Hotel.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

The seminar will aim at facilitating debate on ways and mechanisms of developing a protective framework for children, with a particular focus on parliamentary mechanisms to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation of children.

The purpose of the seminar is to enable parliamentarians and the parliamentary staff involved in child protection issues to gain a deeper understanding of the tools at their disposal to develop a protective environment for children. The meeting will take the form of a discussion of practical experiences in various countries. It should more specifically provide orientation to members of parliament on best parliamentary practices for child protection legislation and implementation, and sensitize members of parliament to the need to develop a protective framework for children.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

The provisional programme of the Seminar is as attached.

RESOURCE PERSONS

The IPU and UNICEF will identify resource persons who will make presentations and lead discussions on the various themes of the seminar.

PARTICIPATION

The seminar is open to members of parliament and parliamentary staff from national parliaments of the CEE-CIS region. Each national parliament shall be entitled to send up to 5 participants (MPs and staff). Parliaments are encouraged to send members of parliament that actively work on child protection issues. In line with the IPU's stated objective to promote partnership between men and women in political life, participating parliaments should aim at including an equal number of men and women delegates. Delegations should further be representative of the political configuration of the respective parliaments and should also include a minimum number of one parliamentary staff member.

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ORGANISATION OF PROCEEDINGS

In accordance with the IPU's practice, all participants will have equal speaking rights. So that the discussions can be as fruitful and enriching as possible, the following arrangements have been foreseen so far:

(a) There will be no list of speakers on any agenda item. After an agenda item has been introduced by the resource persons, the floor will be open to participants for questions and comments.

(b) Experience has shown that this kind of meeting is not suitable for pre-prepared statements to be read out. Subject to arrangements which the Chair may make to suit the circumstances, oral statements may not exceed three minutes. Participants may, however, speak several times on each item, particularly to respond to other statements.

(c) A General Rapporteur will be called upon in the afternoon of the last day to sum up the work of the Seminar at its concluding session. Rapporteurs and Chairpersons for the two working group sessions will also be identified.

(d) The Secretariat of the Union will prepare a publication on the proceedings of the Seminar, for distribution to the participating parliaments, the IPU governing bodies and interested organisations.

The debates will take place in English, French and Russian. Delegations who wish to have interpretation into their own language are kindly requested to inform the Parliament which will arrange for interpretation booths and necessary equipment. The delegations concerned will be responsible for recruiting and covering the expenses of their interpreters.

DOCUMENTS

Written texts of the presentations by the resource persons will be distributed to participants as they become available.

To the extent possible and for the information of participants, IPU's Secretariat will make available background documentation relevant to the issues under discussion.

Participants wishing to distribute to their colleagues relevant documentation will be required to provide it in sufficient quantities and put it on a table set aside for that purpose.



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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

14 December 2008

9.00 - 9.30

Opening ceremony

- Ms J. Topalli, Speaker of the Parliament of Albania
- Mr. Anders B. Johnsson, Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union
- UNICEF Representative

9.30 -10.45

General introduction to child protection

Presenting the Human Rights-based Approach to Legislative Reform and the Child Rights-based Approach

- What is child protection?
- International standards on child protection
- What is a protective environment for children?
- The role of parliaments in ensuring child protection

Debate

10.45 - 11.00

Break

11.00- 12.30

Sexual abuse and exploitation – facts, key learning and emerging issues

Short presentations:

- Child trafficking
- Sexual exploitation in travel and tourism
- Sexual exploitation in new technologies
- Sexual abuse in homes and communities
- Linkages between various child protection concerns
- The World Congress III: results and recommendations

Debate

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14.00 - 15.00

Sexual abuse and exploitation – facts, key learning and emerging issues (continued)

15.00 - 16.15

Implementation and monitoring of international standards at regional and international level on child protection relating to the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents

- The international and regional legislative frameworks
- UN and regional mechanisms

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16.15- 16.30	<i>Break</i>
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- 16.30 -18.00 **Developing an enabling legislative framework for the prevention of Sexual Exploitation of Children – a holistic approach**
- Reviewing existing legislation
 - Developing a child protection bills
 - Looking at prevention, response and rehabilitation

15 December 2008

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| 9.00 -10.30 | Making National Laws Work <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allocating resources• Monitoring and indicators |
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10.30 – 11.00	<i>Break</i>
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- 11.00-13.00: **Making National Laws Work (continued)**
- The role of parliamentary committees on children
 - Ombudsfuction

13.00 - 14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
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- 14.00 – 15h30: **Cooperation with national partners**
- National Commissions
 - Liaising with constituents - cooperation with civil society
 - Working with the private sector

15.30 – 16.00	<i>Break</i>
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- 16.00 – 17.30 **Next steps**
Parliament's role in building a protective environment for children
Parliament's role in preventing and responding to sexual exploitation of children
Capacity Building needs
Challenges and recommendations

17.30-18.00 **Closing ceremony**



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General Information

The regional seminar for Parliaments on **The Role of Parliamentarians to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents**, organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and UNICEF and hosted by the Parliament of Albania will be held in Tirana from 14 to 15 December 2008.

REGISTRATION

Invited parliaments are requested to send their list of participants attending the Seminar as soon as possible and **not later than 21 November 2008** using the enclosed Registration Form, to the following addresses:

Contact/Address in Albania:

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND RESERVATIONS

For practical reasons, it is proposed that participants stay at the Tirana International Hotel, which is also the venue of the seminar. Block bookings will be made by the organizers and delegates shall have to pay their own accommodation charges directly to the hotel.

Participants who would prefer accommodation in other hotels are kindly requested to inform the Parliament of Albania accordingly.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

In order to ensure an efficient reception service, all participants are kindly requested to provide sufficient arrival and departure information, including dates, flight numbers and arrival and departure times on the hotel reservation form.

A reception service will be provided for participants at Tirana from 13 December onwards.

The reception service will assist with arrival and formalities and transfers to the hotel. This service will also operate at the end of the seminar to assist participants with transfers from their hotels to the airport.

VISAS

Nationals from the following countries holding a valid passport can enter the Republic of Albania without a visa (10 Euros tax at port of entry):

Austria, Belgium, Bosnia (tourist visa only), Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic*, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland*, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia (tourist visa only), Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom. *Entry without tax

Visa requirements and fees are waived for nationals from the following countries who hold diplomatic or service passports:

Bosnia, Malta, Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia and Ukraine.

Nationals from the following countries can obtain visas at the port of entry:

Andorra, Monaco, Montenegro, T.F.Y. R. of Macedonia.

Nationals from all other countries can obtain visas through Albanian diplomatic missions located in the cities mentioned in brackets:

Armenia (Moscow), Azerbaijan (Ankara, Moscow), Belarus (Moscow, Warsaw), Georgia (Moscow), Kazakhstan (Moscow, Ankara), Kyrgyzstan (Ankara, Moscow), Monaco (Paris), Russia (Moscow), Tajikistan (Ankara, Moscow), Ukraine (Warsaw, Moscow, Skopje), Uzbekistan (Moscow),

Participants facing difficulties in this regard are invited to contact the host parliament.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

During the Seminar first aid facilities will be provided at the seminar venue. All other medical facilities and prescriptions will be at the participants' own expense.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK

A Registration and Information Desk will be available to participants at the seminar venue from 13 to 15 December. It shall operate from 8 am to 7 pm daily.

Participants are kindly requested to register with this service as soon as possible after their arrival. It will issue identity badges, deal with enquiries concerning the Seminar and handle messages and mail.

SECURITY

All necessary security measures will be taken by the national authorities. Participants are required to wear their identity badges visibly at all times when they are in the Seminar venue and at all official functions during the Seminar.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

In December, the average high and low temperatures in Tirana range between 12° and 3° centigrade.

CURRENCY REGULATIONS

In October 2008, the exchange rate was about 123.40 Albanian Leke (ALL) to the Euro.

TRANSPORT

Transport will be provided to all Seminar participants between Tirana International Airport and the hotels. Transport will also be provided for all official events during the Seminar.

PRESS OFFICE

A Press Office will operate in the Seminar venue. It will deal with the media: national international press, radio and television services. Journalists wishing to cover the Seminar are requested to obtain accreditation from the host Parliament.

OTHER SERVICES

The following services will be available to participants in the Seminar venue:

- Exchange/bank
- Travel agency
- International telephone and fax (participants will pay for their calls when they are made)
- Restaurant, cafeteria and bar

SOCIAL EVENTS

The programme of social events will be communicated to participants in due course.



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**TIRANA INTERNATIONAL HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM
(one form per member of the delegation)**

Parliament or Organization:

Name:

(Ms./Mr.) _____

First name: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Arrival date: _____

Departure date: _____

Arrival flight: _____

Departure flight: _____

Date & signature

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FAMILY NAME (Mr./Mrs./Ms)	FIRST NAME	TITLE

Secretaries and Advisers:

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2.

Date & signature

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