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Dear Members of the GPH,

On the 1st of April 2009 a GPH meeting was held in Nairobi, Kenya, in the context of the 22nd Governing Council of UN-Habitat.

I would once more like to express my deepest regrets that I was forced to cancel my participation at short notice due to important parliamentary obligations in Germany. From what I can deduce from the reports, it was nevertheless very successful.

Among the biggest achievements is without a doubt the passing of a resolution by the participating parliamentarians on the theme of the 22nd UN GC "Promoting affordable housing finance systems in an urbanizing world in the face of the Global financial crisis and Climate change", which was presented by Hon. Mariam Nalubega at the closing session of the Governing Council. My thanks go to the participants of the meeting whose enthusiasm and hard work made these resolutions possible.

Another great success was the election of a Regional Council for Africa. Hon. Margaret Zziwa Nantongo from Uganda was elected President of the Board of Directors of the African Council of the GPH. Hon. Mariam Nalubega from Uganda was elected Alternate President, Hon. Theo Diergaardt from Namibia Vice-President, Hon. Njoki Ndugu from Kenya Secretary and Hon. Tubwita Bagaya Grace Bukenya from Uganda Treasurer. I would like to congratulate them on their new positions and I am looking forward to working together with them.

I am especially pleased that Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, was able to come to our meeting and that she underlined the significance of our work. She also invited all members of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat to the World Urban Forum V in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Please find attached the minutes of the meeting, the agenda, the resolution, my opening remarks and the address by Executive Director Anna Tibaijuka.

I hope you will find the reports interesting and I am looking forward to receiving your comments, suggestions and future meetings.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Götz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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