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To: Presidents of IPU Groups

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Dear Madam President,  
Dear Mr. President,

The [Common Principles for Support to Parliaments](#) was adopted by the 131<sup>st</sup> IPU Assembly. Informed by a series of consultations involving parliaments and their support partners, they consist of ten principles that are fundamental for effective support to parliamentary development. They have since been endorsed by 93 national parliaments and 24 partner organizations.

The Common Principles are underpinned by the belief that individual parliaments themselves are best suited to lead their own development. Although the importance of this belief is widely supported, there remains a need for practical tools to enable its application at the operational level.

The IPU is convening the Second Expert Roundtable on the Common Principles to address this challenge. This year's meeting is titled **Proactive parliaments: Bolstering self-development**. It will provide the basis for the production of a guide that will enable parliaments to take a more proactive role in defining their development priorities and managing support, resulting in stronger partnerships with support providers and more effective and sustainable outcomes.

I am pleased to invite your parliament to join us at this meeting and participate in enforcing the principle of parliamentary ownership. The one-day meeting will take place on **29 March 2018**, immediately after the 138<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly, at IPU Headquarters in Geneva. It will bring together stakeholders from parliaments and partner organizations directly involved in parliamentary support projects. A concept note for the Roundtable is enclosed, and a discussion paper and provisional programme will follow shortly.

I hope that you or a representative from your parliament with responsibility for parliamentary support projects will be able to join us at this meeting. As space is limited, parliaments are kindly requested to keep their participation to a maximum of two representatives. I would be grateful if your parliament could kindly register for the Roundtable by **16 March 2018** through the following address:

<http://www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90069193/Expert-Roundtable-on-the-Common-Principles-for-Support-to-Parliaments>

Yours sincerely,

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