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To Presidents of IPU Groups

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Dear IPU Members,

As you may be aware, the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 25) will now take place from 2 to 13 December 2019 in Madrid, Spain. The Conference will take place under the Presidency of the Government of Chile and will be held with logistical support from the Government of Spain. The session will be an event of global importance; the fourth one on the long road to practical implementation of the Paris Agreement concluded in December 2015.

The IPU and the Spanish Congress of Deputies are pleased to announce that they will jointly organize a Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of COP 25. This meeting is part of a series of Parliamentary Meetings at the UN Climate Change Conference, with the previous one held in Krakow, Poland, in December 2018. The Meeting will be held with a view to promoting exchanges for parliamentary action on climate change.

The Parliamentary Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 10 December** in the Ernest Lluch Hall of the Congress of Deputies in Madrid, Spain. We are pleased to attach a registration form. The draft programme and other relevant documents will soon be available on the IPU website. Interpretation during the meeting will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

We encourage interested parliamentarians to examine the possibility of joining their respective national delegations to COP 25. This is by far the easiest way to ensure that their transportation, visa and accommodation needs are dealt with in a centralized way. Please note that the IPU and the Spanish Congress of Deputies are unfortunately not in a position to facilitate accreditation to the UN Climate Change Conference or assist with any logistical arrangements, namely visa support for entry into Spain. Those matters are to be handled by each delegate individually.

We hope that members of your parliament will take part in the forthcoming COP 25 and that they will also attend the Parliamentary Meeting on 10 December.

Yours sincerely,

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