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Webinar on *The global post-COVID 19 economy: Devising sustainable trade policies to support the fight against poverty*

Thursday 3 December 2020, 2-4 p.m. CET

**Office of the
Secretary General**

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to invite you and other interested parliamentarians to the virtual parliamentary webinar *The global post-COVID-19 economy: Devising sustainable trade policies to support the fight against poverty* which will take place on Thursday, 3 December, from 14:00 to 16:00 CET (Geneva time).

Like all sectors of activity, global trade has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic which inevitably worsened the challenges global trade is already faced with. The impact of this profound crisis with devastating effects requires energetic action and sustainable solutions that must be thought out and designed in a holistic manner that would involve all stakeholders. Given their prerogatives, parliamentarians are in the best position to contribute significantly to this global mobilization against the adverse effects of the pandemic.

This webinar, intended for legislators who are involved in parliamentary activities dealing with international trade, finance and development, will be an opportunity to explore different perspectives and to reflect on a well-designed parliamentary strategy that would contribute to this mobilization. I will also allow them to exchange views and experiences with colleagues in other parliaments.

The webinar will take place on the platform of Interprefy.

I enclose the concept note on this webinar which is also available online (<https://www.ipu.org/event/global-post-covid-19-economy-devising-sustainable-trade-policies-support-fight-against-poverty>) along with other technical information.

I very much hope that your parliament will participate in this meeting and look forward to its contribution to the debate.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General