



Inter-Parliamentary Union

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Dear Secretaries-General,
Dear colleagues,

We have the pleasure of inviting you to an online meeting to discuss the adaptation of parliaments to the pandemic.

The ongoing health situation has so far prevented us from meeting together in person. This online meeting, which will take place on the 25 February 2021 via the platform Zoom, will enable us at last to have the pleasure of exchanging experiences on a topic which has preoccupied our institutions for nearly a year. On this occasion, we propose structuring debate around two themes, the physical adaptations made by parliaments and the adaptations to the exercise of our parliaments' constitutional duties during the crises period. For more information, we invite you to take note of the orders of the day which are attached to this email.

In order to facilitate the participation of all members, irrespective of the time zone in which they reside, two identical sessions will be held on the same day. The first session will take place between 10am and 12pm (Central European Time). Interpretation will be offered in English, Arabic and French. This session, pending final confirmation, will be moderated by Mr Najib El Khadi, Secretary General of the Chamber of Representatives of Morocco. The second session will take place between 3pm and 5pm (Central European Time). Interpretation will be offered in English and Spanish. This meeting will be moderated by Mr José Pedro Montero, Secretary General of the Senate of Uruguay.

In the first instance, we propose that each participant be given the opportunity to present, in two or three minutes, the principal measures put in place by their parliament with regards to the first theme. After this first round of speeches, the moderator will host the debate and then make the closing remarks on the first theme. Then, debate on the second theme will take place in the same format. We hope this approach will provide the conditions for a debate which is well-structured and enriching.

To enable as active a debate as possible, the number of participants will be limited. Consequently, we invite you to register, before Monday 22 February, for one of the two sessions, by filling the form available by clicking the following link <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJckduGvqDIqEtAKVpy4xELItCjVdFwhJaVw>. Once registered, you will receive the joining instructions for the online event on 25th February 2021.

We do hope that you find this proposition interesting and engaging.

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