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**Office of the  
Secretary General**

To: Presidents of the IPU Groups

Geneva, 30 March 2021

Dear Madam President,  
Dear Mr. President,

We are pleased to invite you to the Seventh IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians, which will be held virtually on 28 and 29 April 2021. The theme of the 2021 Conference is *Post-COVID-19 recovery: A youth-responsive approach*.

The IPU's annual Global Conferences of Young Parliamentarians are unique platforms for young members of parliament to get together, exchange views, learn and define common and innovative strategies to advance youth empowerment. Since 2014, the Global Conferences have addressed topical issues linked to youth empowerment and have provided policy orientation in areas such as political participation, peace and prosperity, social and economic inclusion, education and employment, and well-being.

The health and socio-economic shocks brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted significantly young men and women all around the world. A new chapter for youth empowerment is needed and this new chapter must be at the heart of post-pandemic recovery efforts.

With less than ten years to go to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in 2030, the 2021 Conference will focus on: preserving and fulfilling fundamental youth rights and stepping up youth empowerment across the pandemic recovery efforts; exploring the best means to promote youth participation in shaping youth-responsive recovery; providing guidance on how to reinforce education systems, maximize youth employment, and adjust health services everywhere.

In a bid to build intergenerational solidarity and support, and to mobilize parliamentarians of all ages for youth empowerment, this seventh edition of the Conference is open to both young and senior parliamentarians.

The Conference's online sessions will be moderated to facilitate intergenerational discussions, the sharing of good practices, and peer to peer exchanges among the participants.

We invite you to **designate a gender-balanced delegation of four parliamentarians, including two of the youngest members** of your Parliament and two more senior members of parliament to participate in the Conference.

The Conference sessions will include presentations by experts, debates and moderated interactive discussions. Rapporteurs will sum up the work of the Conference at its concluding session. The outcome document of the Conference will be the contribution of young parliamentarians to the virtual session of the 142nd IPU Assembly that will take place in May 2021 on the theme *Overcoming the pandemic today and building a better tomorrow: the role of parliaments*.

The provisional programme of the Conference is attached. **Registration is open at:** <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0rf-6grzloHNKeBWGI8bQjQCkFH9M8tvqy>. It would be appreciated if your delegation could be **registered before 16 April 2021**.

We look forward to the participation of your Parliament in this important Conference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Martin Chungong', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Martin Chungong  
Secretary General