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INFORMATION SEMINAR ON THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION FOR THE PARLIAMENTS IN THE AMERICAS

Office of the **Secretary General**

Dear Madam President. Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that, from 7 to 9 June 2021, the IPU, in cooperation with the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC), will organize, in virtual format, an Information Seminar on the structure and functioning of the IPU for the Parliaments in the Americas.

This information seminar, which builds on the very positive experience of the first Information Seminar for Spanish-speaking Parliaments held in Costa Rica in November 2019, is open to parliamentary staff who serve as Secretaries of IPU Groups or are responsible for the relationship of their respective parliaments with the IPU. The seminar is intended to provide them with an opportunity to acquire in-depth knowledge of the IPU, and hence facilitate their work in advising and assisting parliament and its members on all matters relating to the IPU. It is also open to representatives from non-Member Parliaments that are considering affiliation with the IPU. A brief concept note is attached for ease of reference.

In this context, we would like to invite your Parliament to nominate participants to attend this year's Information Seminar. We would be grateful to receive the name and contact information of the participants, together with a brief CV, by the deadline of 28 May 2021. The provisional programme, as well as other useful information, will be circulated by mid-May.

I look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming your parliament at this event.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong Secretary General