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To all Presidents of IPU Groups

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I have the pleasure of inviting your parliament to take part in a conference on the theme “Parliamentary library & research services: Towards an agenda for the next decade”. This conference is mainly intended for parliamentary staff.

The conference will take place online on 6 – 8 October 2021. It is jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLAPARL), as the global network of parliamentary library & research services.

The event will be an opportunity to discuss the latest trends in parliamentary library and research services and to look ahead to future developments. It will be of interest primarily to managers and professionals working in this important field, as well as senior parliamentary administrators.

The conference programme covers the following themes:

1. How library and research services have responded to the challenges of the pandemic and some longer-term implications
2. Parliamentary strengthening in support of library and research services – what works?
3. The role of data in parliamentary research and library services
4. Accessibility, diversity, and inclusion in parliamentary library & research services, with a focus on language
5. Service strategies for the 2020's – given the rapid evolution of technology and its use by Members, parliaments and citizens; and the long-term changes accelerated by the pandemic; what are the new approaches to service strategy?
6. A workshop day covering some of the fundamentals of parliamentary library and research services: aimed at new and developing services, new managers, young professionals and stakeholders.

Further information about this online event, including details of how to register, are found in the attached documentation and on the IPU web site. Parliaments are kindly requested to register their delegation by 22 September 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General