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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our great pleasure to invite your Parliament to the First Global Parliamentary Meeting on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), entitled *Turning the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic into opportunities for parliaments to achieve the SDGs*. The event is being organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia, and will take place virtually, from 28 to 30 September 2021.

At a point in time when several combined crises are severely hitting the health, socio-economic and environmental sectors, and affecting the population, especially those who are already living in vulnerable situations, strengthening our commitment, action and cooperation to achieve sustainable solutions has become crucial. The SDGs are a globally agreed commitment that provide a roadmap to bring the world onto a path of sustainable development. Parliaments have engaged in multiple ways to implement the SDGs, including through the IPU, however due to COVID-19 progress has been stalled and often reversed. The Global Meeting intends to bring parliaments together at a critical time for sustainable development to discuss how they can advance SDG implementation through innovative action and cooperation.

Parliaments should be at the heart of the national and global response to COVID-19, and they should also be at the heart of transformational change to achieve the SDGs. We are therefore pleased to invite you to nominate a gender and politically balanced delegation of two parliamentarians and one parliamentary staff per chamber, or three parliamentarians and two parliamentary staff for unicameral parliaments to participate in this high-level event, which is intended for all parliaments of the world. The working languages will be English, Arabic, French, Spanish and Bahasa Indonesia. The programme and the concept note for the event will be sent out in due course.

Further information about the event, including the registration link, will be posted at <https://www.ipu.org/event/first-global-parliamentary-meeting-achieving-sdgs-0> as it becomes available.

We very much hope that your Parliament will be represented and look forward to its precious contribution to the event.

Yours sincerely,

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IPU President

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