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Office of the Secretary General To: Presidents of National IPU Groups

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This year's World Investment Forum will feature a special session on 19 October focused on stimulating dialogue between parliamentarians, policy makers and business leaders. The concept note for this event is enclosed with this letter.

As you may know, the World Investment Forum is the pre-eminent global platform for investment and development. Convened by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Forum devises strategies and solutions for global investment and development challenges. It offers a unique opportunity to influence investment-related policymaking, shape the global investment environment, and network with global leaders in business and politics.

The next World Investment Forum will take place virtually from 18 to 22 October 2021. Organized under the overall theme *Investing in Sustainable Recovery*, this multistakeholder event will address the challenges and opportunities arising from the sustainability imperative and the efforts for greater economic resilience in light of COVID-19. More information about the forum is available at <a href="https://worldinvestmentforum.unctad.org/7th-world-investment-forum/">https://worldinvestmentforum.unctad.org/7th-world-investment-forum/</a>.

I very much hope that your parliament will be able to seize this opportunity and be represented at the World Investment Forum and at the tripartite dialogue session. Registration for the World Investment Forum can be completed online at <a href="https://indico.un.org/event/1000241/">https://indico.un.org/event/1000241/</a>.

Yours sincerely,

Dear Madam President,

Dear Mr. President,

Martin Chungong Secretary General