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## Speech by Mr. Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General

First global parliamentary meeting on achieving the SDGs

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Honorable Vice Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia  
– Mr. Rachmat Gobel,  
Honorable members of Parliament,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have come to the end of the First Global Parliamentary Meeting on Achieving the SDGs. This Conference was an important message that parliaments and parliamentarians worldwide are putting the SDGs and people at the center of their action. This is the only way to ensure that we are not improving well-being and prosperity for a privileged few, but for each and every one; that we are not just pursuing economic growth, but that we are finding ways to achieve green economies; that we are not taking short-term measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, but that we are thinking of future generations and the future of our planet.

We have heard it loud and clear: this generation of policy-makers has the great responsibility of putting us on the right track for equity, inclusion and sustainability.

This is why our work continues to be relevant and topical. The IPU will continue to be at your side to facilitate learning among parliaments and to provide tools and guidance to make the SDGs part and parcel of your work. This morning we have heard MPs express needs for capacity building in addressing the SDGs.

Allow me to warmly thank all those who have made this Meeting possible: our partners from the House of Representatives of Indonesia and the technical team for the precious collaboration; panelists and partners who have provided such insightful presentations; our fantastic moderator; the interpreters; and all of you, who have actively participated and shared your rich experiences. Thank you to all.

I trust you will leave this conference with a toolbox, in which you have put interesting initiatives taken by your fellow parliamentarians; useful policy advice from experts; concrete actions that you can take in your countries; and a lot of perseverance and political will. I hope that in the next weeks and months you will open this toolbox and make use of what you have taken away from this Meeting. And if something is still missing, you know where to find us.