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Third Regional Seminar for the Asia-Pacific region parliaments on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our great pleasure to invite your Parliament to the third Regional Seminar for the parliaments of the Asia-Pacific region on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This event, to be held in Islamabad, Pakistan, from 22 to 24 February 2022, is being jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the National Assembly of Pakistan. This in-person meeting will follow up on the conclusions of the previous seminars, hosted by the Parliament of Viet Nam (in 2017) and the Parliament of Mongolia (in 2018), as well as the IPU's virtual SDG events.

Due to changing dynamics in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the theme of the event will be *Parliaments and the pandemic: SDGs in the time of COVID-19*. In recognition of the key role parliaments play in implementing the SDGs, the IPU and the National Assembly of Pakistan are pleased to continue to provide a platform for exchanging ideas, good practices and experience regarding SDG implementation in the Asia-Pacific region. The seminar will focus on some of the key developmental challenges that the region is facing as it deals with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our objective is to work together on devising ways and means of achieving sustainable prosperity while leaving no one behind.

We trust that your Parliament will be represented at the seminar. Parliaments are encouraged to send delegations of up to three members (four members for bicameral parliaments) including parliamentarians and parliamentary staff who are directly involved in the seminar's topics and who represent different political affiliations and both genders in a balanced manner. The working language will be English. The National Assembly of Pakistan will provide local hospitality, including accommodation and transport, to each three- or four-member delegation as applicable.

We are pleased to enclose a general information note and registration forms. The registration forms should be completed and returned to the National Assembly of Pakistan with a copy to the IPU Secretariat by 30 January 2022 at the latest. The programme and the concept note for the event will be sent out in due course. Further information about the Regional Seminar will be posted on www.ipu.org as it becomes available.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan