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Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

We are happy to invite you and your colleagues to participate in the 2022 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations, ***Building political support and inclusive responses to sustainable recovery***, which will take place in-person, at the UN New York headquarters, on 17 and 18 February 2022.

As we have seen during this global pandemic, “business as usual” is not an option for decision-makers such as members of parliament intent on finding solutions to the multiple challenges and crises all around us. Urgently needed to drive recovery efforts on all fronts, social, economic and environmental, is a critical perspective on the policies of exclusion against women, youth, and other groups, of abject self-interest at the expense of the common good, and of the subjugation of nature to economic imperatives that have taken on a life of their own. Humanity as a whole needs to come together based on a renewed sense of purpose and of solidarity.

We need to challenge the underlying assumption in the minds of so many, that we all live in a zero-sum game in which one’s win is another person’s loss. As this pandemic reminds us, nobody is safe until everyone is safe. To this we add: nobody can prosper until we all prosper; nobody is free until we are all free; nobody can lead a healthy life until the entire environment and the people around us are healthy too.

Our joint hearing will aim to drive home to governments, parliaments and the United Nations community a critical perspective on key actions to build economies that work for all, societies that bring people together, and environments that are sustainable for generations to come. The issue of gender equality will provide a thread trying the two days together. The hearing will also serve as a reflection on the UN Secretary General’s report on *Our Common Agenda*.

To participate in the Parliamentary Hearing, IPU Member Parliaments are requested to register their delegations by completing the online form at <https://www.jotform.com/build/213474874963166> for *each member* of the delegation. Participants will need to abide by US entry Covid protocol as well as UN rules. For updates on the attached programme and information note please consult the website at www.ipu.org/events.

We look forward to your Parliament’s strong participation in this important event.

Yours sincerely,

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