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Parliamentary Forum at the 2023 HLPF

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that this year's **Parliamentary Forum** at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) will take place in the morning of **Tuesday, 18 July**, in New York.

Entitled ***The mid-point toward the SDGs: Taking stock of parliamentary action***, the Parliamentary Forum will look back at the first seven years of the SDGs and ask the question: to what extent have parliaments been effective in facilitating the implementation of the SDGs and how can they play a stronger role going forward?

As the UN Secretary-General writes in his recent report, *Progress toward the SDGs: Toward a Rescue Plan for People and Planet*, the SDGs are badly off track. It is evident from this report that much stronger parliamentary action is needed to hold governments accountable for their SDGs commitment and to institutionalize the SDGs through all relevant policies and processes.

The draft programme of the Parliamentary Forum is attached. Updates on the event will be posted on the IPU website at https://www.ipu.org/event/parliamentary-forum-un-high-level-political-forum-sustainable-development-0

Registration for the Parliamentary Forum is open through the following online portal: https://registration.ipu.org/d/y0q2xp/4W

As per past practice, the Parliamentary Forum is open to members of parliament attending the HLPF session as part of their national delegations. Interested parliamentarians should contact their Foreign Ministry or their Mission in New York to enquire about accreditation and other practical arrangements.

Should you require further information, my colleagues at the New York Office (ny-office@ipu.org) are available to assist you.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General