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### Parliamentary Event at the SDG Summit and other High Level Meetings

Dear Madam President,  
Dear Mr. President,

A number of important events will take place during the opening High Level Week of the 78<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the United Nations from 18 to 22 September, in New York. World leaders will converge to focus on the burning issues of our time and agree to a common set of solutions.

Topping the list of high level events is the much anticipated [SDG Summit](#), on 18-19 September. Three one-day meetings on health – respectively on Universal Health Coverage, on Tuberculosis, and on Pandemic Prevention – will take place from 20 to 22 September. On 20 September, there will be a high level meeting on development finance and as well as a special event of the UN Secretary-General on the climate crisis. In parallel, each of the world leaders will speak before the General Assembly.

Politically and operationally, the IPU has been active on all of these issues where parliaments are called upon to hold governments accountable for their commitments. As a result, the role of parliaments in the implementation of the SDGs and of health commitments will feature high at the UN meetings and in their respective outcome documents. Some of these meetings include a multi-stakeholder component that invites the participation of parliamentarians as well as representatives of civil society and of the private sector.

With so much at stake, the IPU will organize a meeting for members of parliament on Thursday, 21 September. This meeting will be structured in two parts: one looking broadly at the role of parliaments in the implementation of the SDGs, and another zeroing in on parliamentary action for health.

As is the case for all of our events connected to global summits, this Parliamentary Event will be **open to members of parliament travelling to New York together with their national (governmental) delegation**. I encourage you to coordinate with your government as soon as possible to ensure the inclusion of one or more members of parliament in the national delegation to the High Level Week.

The time, venue and programme of the Parliamentary Event will be announced in early September and posted to our Events page at <https://www.ipu.org/>.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong  
Secretary General