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To: Presidents of IPU Groups

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

As the world organization of national parliaments, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) strives to give its Members a prominent role in fulfilling the Organization's mandate, which includes the promotion and protection of the [human rights of parliamentarians](#).

I am therefore pleased to invite your Parliament to join an online panel discussion on "Parliamentary solidarity: Supporting MPs under threat". This event aims to bring together diverse parliamentary institutions and parliamentarians from all regions of the world in order to debate about parliamentary solidarity in support of parliamentarians facing human rights violations and share examples of good practice in this field.

The online panel discussion will be open to MPs and parliamentary staff from IPU Member Parliaments and to representatives from Associate Members and Permanent Observers. Members of parliamentary committees working on human rights and/or in foreign affairs-related areas are particularly welcome and are encouraged to attend.

I would be grateful for any arrangements you may undertake to ensure that at least one representative from your Parliament can attend the online event, which will take place from 15:00 to 16:30 CEST on 26 September 2023 on the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

Additional information is available at IPU's [website](#), and participants can register at the following link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckdeChpz0pHNfZOiE6yVFYl_fKfnV6ss6Y

I look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming representatives from your Parliament to this online panel discussion.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General