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Dear Madam Speaker,  
Dear Mr. Speaker,

We are pleased to invite you to send a delegation of your Parliament to the Parliamentary Meeting that will take place on the sidelines of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28). The meeting, jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the UAE Federal National Council (FNC), will be held on 6 December 2023 at Dubai Expo City, which has been built as a people-centric city, considering the principles of sustainability and environmental consciousness.

In order to bolster the action needed to address the challenges posed to humankind and nature by climate change, COP28, with its logo symbolizing a united world, will welcome high-level participants including over 140 heads of state, and will mark the conclusion of the Global Stocktake, a comprehensive assessment of the progress made in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. This will help drive global transformation towards a low-emission and climate-resilient world.

To this end, parliamentarians will be judged against their collective efforts on how to move concretely towards keeping the 1.5C goal alive. Notably, this year's Parliamentary Meeting will be of particular significance since it will be held, for the first time ever, on-site within the COP Green Zone. This sends a clear message that parliaments have a strong role to play in environmental issues and can contribute to the climate agenda.

At the end of this meeting and in keeping with usual practice at previous Parliamentary Meetings in the context of COP, the IPU expects to adopt an outcome document aiming to chart a course for increased parliamentary action on climate change. A first draft of the outcome document will be shared shortly and will be presented and discussed at the next IPU Assembly in a few weeks' time in Luanda, Angola.

In the lead up to COP28, we urge your parliament to amplify their work on climate change. Concrete actions parliaments can take include:

- Organize a parliamentary dialogue or debate on COP28 negotiations to foster informed discussions and consensus-building among parliamentarians;
- Prepare a briefing document outlining the parliament's priorities, key concerns, and desired outcomes for COP28;
- Ensure parliamentarians are up-to-date on the latest Nationally-Determined Contributions (NDCs);
- Identify the designated representative of government who will participate in COP28 negotiations, such as ministers responsible for environment and climate change, and request a meeting for them to present COP28 priorities and strategies. Discuss strategies for effective parliamentary engagement during the conference;
- Engage civil society representatives, climate experts and environmental leaders, including youth and women leaders, to learn about their experiences and needs due to climate change;
- Participate in upcoming IPU climate events to help enhance engagement of parliamentarians on key climate issues and prepare for both the Parliamentary Meeting, as well as for other parliamentary events that will be happening at COP28 (*a list of events in the lead-up to COP28 can be found in the Annex*);
- Contact [press@ipu.org](mailto:press@ipu.org) and inform us how your parliament is taking climate action at COP28 so we can showcase your work as part of our [Parliaments for the Planet](#) campaign.

Please be informed that each parliament may send a delegation of three parliamentarians and two parliamentary staff, and delegations will preferably be gender-balanced and include those working on climate and environment-related topics, including relevant Committee Chairs. Interpretation will be provided in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

Furthermore, as the Parliamentary Meeting will take place in the COP Green Zone, it is essential that delegations apply for access to this zone in order to attend the Parliamentary Meeting. Green Zone registration details will be made available on the [COP28 UAE website](#) soon. The IPU and the FNC are not in a position to facilitate accreditation to COP28 (including access to the Green or Blue Zones) and will not be able to support logistical arrangements such as obtaining entry visas to UAE, accommodation, and transportation. To simplify these issues, delegates are encouraged, if at all possible, to be part of their national delegations to COP28.

Please find the draft programme attached to this letter. Other relevant documents will soon be made available on the IPU website: <https://www.ipu.org/event/parliamentary-meeting-cop28>. Registration for the event is available at the following link: <https://registration.ipu.org/COP28PM>. The registration deadline is **22 November 2023**.

We look forward to welcoming the delegation of your Parliament at the upcoming Parliamentary Meeting at COP28.

Yours sincerely,



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IPU Secretary General



Saqr Ghobash  
Speaker of the UAE Federal National Council

## ANNEX

### Upcoming IPU climate events to prepare for COP28

| Event   | Date  | Information and registration  |
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| <b>Standing Committee on Sustainable Development</b> at the IPU Assembly<br><i>- Debate on the theme of the next resolution, Partnerships for climate action: Promoting access to affordable green energy, and ensuring innovation, responsibility and equity;</i><br><i>- Discussion on COP28 preparations</i> | 25 October 2023,<br>14:30 –18:30<br>Luanda, Angola (147 <sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly) | Will be made available here:<br><a href="https://www.ipu.org/event/147th-assembly-and-related-meetings#event-sub-page-documents/">https://www.ipu.org/event/147th-assembly-and-related-meetings#event-sub-page-documents/</a> |
| <b>Standing Committee on Sustainable Development</b> at the IPU Assembly<br><i>-Expert hearing on the theme 'Ensuring global food security'</i>   | 26 October 2023,<br>9:00-11:00<br>Luanda, Angola (147 <sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly)   | Will be made available here:<br><a href="https://www.ipu.org/event/147th-assembly-and-related-meetings#event-sub-page-documents/">https://www.ipu.org/event/147th-assembly-and-related-meetings#event-sub-page-documents/</a> |
| <b>Mountains, Parliaments and the Global Goal for Adaptation: Preparing for COP28</b> in collaboration with the Adaptation at Altitude Programme ( <i>virtual</i> )   | 20 November 2023  | Will be made available here:<br><a href="https://www.ipu.org/events">https://www.ipu.org/events</a>   |
| <b>Preparedness at the interface of health and climate change</b> ( <i>virtual</i> )  | 14 November 2023  | Will be made available here:<br><a href="https://www.ipu.org/events">https://www.ipu.org/events</a>   |

### Other parliamentary activities at COP28

A Parliamentary Pavilion will be organized in the COP Blue Zone which delegations can visit if they have been granted access to this zone through COP28 registration.