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To Speakers and Presidents of Parliament

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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

We are pleased to invite you and members of your Parliament to the Parliamentary Meeting to be held at the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29). The meeting is being jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan and will be held on 16-17 November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan. As Speaker, your attendance at this important global meeting would be highly valuable.

The Parliamentary Meeting is the leading event for national parliaments during the COP and is at the forefront of parliamentary efforts to address climate change. The event brings together hundreds of parliamentarians from around the world to chart a course for shared parliamentary solutions to our most pressing climate issues. The Parliamentary Meeting at COP29 will be of particular importance as it is the first COP to take place following the conclusion of the Global Stocktake which showed the world is far off track for achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. Furthermore, COP29 will be crucial for agreeing on a new climate finance goal by the end of this year, and for ensuring the scale of finance is sufficient to meet the needs of countries on the frontlines of climate change.

For the first time, the Parliamentary Meeting at COP will be held over two days to allow ample time for critical discussion and reflection on how parliaments can help drive the global transformation for a more sustainable and climate-resilient world. The Meeting will be held in the COP Green Zone, alongside the climate negotiations, to further amplify the voice of parliaments in international climate decision-making.

Each parliament may send a delegation of three parliamentarians and one parliamentary staff member. Parliaments are encouraged to nominate parliamentarians who work directly on climate and environment-related topics, including relevant Committee Chairs. Parliaments are also invited to ensure that there is a gender balance in their delegations and that young parliamentarians are included. Interpretation will be provided in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

In keeping with usual practice of Parliamentary Meetings at the COP, an outcome document is expected to be adopted at the end of the meeting to identify common actions for parliaments to take to address the climate crisis. A first draft of the outcome document will be shared in the coming weeks. The draft text will also be presented at the 149th IPU Assembly in Geneva in October 2024.

The IPU and Milli Majlis are not in a position to facilitate accreditation to COP29 (including access to the Green or Blue Zones) and will not be able to support logistical arrangements such as obtaining entry visas to Azerbaijan, accommodation and transportation. As the Parliamentary Meeting will take place in the Green Zone, delegations must follow the procedures for obtaining access to the Green Zone. More information will be made available on the official [COP29](#) website in due course. While participants must apply individually for entry visas to Azerbaijan, the Milli Majlis will facilitate the procedure of the issuance of visas, through the relevant national authorities, for all participants' whose registrations have been approved through the IPU registration system.

We invite you to register for the Parliamentary Meeting at the following link: <https://registration.ipu.org/COP29>. The registration deadline is 10 October 2024. Relevant documents will be made available on the IPU [website](#).

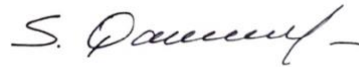
In the lead up to COP29, we urge your Parliament to increase its engagement on climate change and to actively participate in your country's national climate dialogues in preparation for the COP. Please contact postbox@ipu.org to inform us how your Parliament is taking climate action and preparing for COP29 so we can showcase your work among that of other parliaments as part of our [Parliaments for the Planet](#) campaign.

We look forward to welcoming you and your Parliament at the upcoming Parliamentary Meeting at COP29 in Baku.

Yours sincerely,



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