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The National Assembly
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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our great pleasure to invite your Parliament to take part in the Regional Conference for Parliaments of the Asia-Pacific region on global health security to be held on 2-3 December 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand. This event is jointly organized by the Parliament of Thailand and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO).

Global health crises impact all segments of society, and no community in our world is fully protected against them. The COVID-19 pandemic as well as the most recently declared multi-country outbreak of Mpox were the last of a series of public health emergencies of international concern. Every country and every parliament has had a harsh reminder of the need for emergency preparedness. The consequences of ill-preparedness can be measured in deaths, affected livelihoods, devastated families, reduced economic opportunities and lost years of good health and societal development. The Conference will provide a platform to raise awareness of latest developments in the global health security architecture; promote dialogue with experts and among parliaments; discuss common solutions to pandemics and identify opportunities for parliaments to strengthen their role in health emergency preparedness at the national and regional level.

Each parliament may send a delegation of up to five parliamentarians and parliamentary staff. Ideally, the delegation should be gender-balanced and include members of specialized committees dealing with health, foreign affairs and finance.

We invite you to register at the following link: <https://www.ipu.org/event/regional-conference-parliaments-asia-pacific-region-global-health-security> The registration deadline is 15 November 2024.

A general information document is enclosed to this letter. The draft programme will be sent out in due course and posted at <https://www.ipu.org/events/current-and-future-events>.

We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming your delegation to Thailand.

Yours sincerely,

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