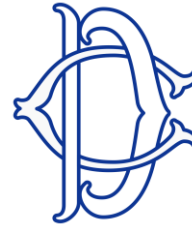




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Dear Madam Speaker,  
Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Second Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue *Strengthening trust and embracing hope for our common future*, which will take place from 19 to 21 June 2025 in Rome, Italy, coinciding with the Jubilee year announced by Pope Francis. The Conference is being organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Italian Parliament, in cooperation with Religions for Peace.

The Rome Conference follows the highly successful Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue *Working together for our common future*, which took place in Marrakesh in 2023 and was organized by the IPU and the Parliament of the Kingdom of Morocco in cooperation with other partners. The first Conference concluded with the [Marrakesh Communiqué](#), in which parliamentarians acknowledged that interfaith dialogue that is grounded in support of fundamental rights and freedoms is an essential tool for promoting inclusivity and peaceful coexistence, upholding the rule of law and encouraging collective efforts to achieve a better society. Building on previous IPU statements, such as the [Manama Declaration](#) (2023) *Promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies: Fighting intolerance*, the Marrakesh Communiqué identifies important areas of action for parliamentarians in order to build more peaceful and inclusive societies which honour religious and belief diversity, and uphold the equal and inalienable rights and dignity of all.

The Rome Conference will bring together parliamentarians and representatives of governments, religions, beliefs, faith-based and civil society organizations, the United Nations, international organizations and academia to engage in dialogue around good practices and challenges in their work to promote sustainable peace, human rights, democracy, good governance and inclusive societies, while exploring avenues for joint action.

Your participation in this Conference will contribute towards enabling an inclusive process which can help bring about positive change. We will be pleased to welcome the President of each Chamber of bicameral Parliaments together with a delegation of two members of parliament, and the President of unicameral Parliaments together with a delegation of three members of parliament. We would encourage you to strive for a gender-balanced delegation and to include a youth representative. If your Parliament has a committee for religious or cultural affairs, we recommend including the head of this committee in the delegation.

A draft programme and more information about the Conference will be shared with you in the coming months (see annex for more details on hotels and reservations). In the meantime, we would be grateful if you could mark this important event in your agenda and let us know if you will be able to attend. For any questions, please contact us at [postbox@ipu.org](mailto:postbox@ipu.org).

Yours sincerely,

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