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Parliamentary event at the opening High-Level Week of UNGA and other high-level meetings

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

Several important events will take place during the opening High-Level Week of the 80th General Assembly of the United Nations, from 22 to 26 September 2025 in New York, at which world leaders will convene to focus on the burning issues of our time and agree on a common set of solutions.

On 22 September 2025, there will be a high-level meeting to mark the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995. On 23 September 2025, world leaders will begin addressing the General Assembly. **On 24 September 2025, the IPU will host an event for all parliamentarians from 09:00 to 12:00 at the Church Center for the United Nations**, focused on parliamentary engagement to advance issues related to gender equality and in support of the IPU campaign [Achieving gender equality, action by action](#).

2025 marks both the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action – the global blueprint for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls – and 25 years since the Security Council adopted the first in a series of resolutions on Women, Peace and Security (WPS).

As a contribution to these milestones, the parliamentary event on 24 September will focus on ensuring a more equal world, addressing the persisting and emerging challenges in fulfilling the vision of the Beijing Declaration, and promoting women's leadership at the national and multilateral levels. In the wake of pushbacks on hard-won gains in women's rights and gender equality, it will highlight the role of parliaments in building new momentum towards fulfilling the vision of the Beijing Declaration and the WPS agenda.

As is the case for all our events connected to global summits, this parliamentary event will be **open to members of parliament travelling to New York as part of their national (governmental) delegation**. I encourage you to coordinate with your Government as soon as possible to ensure the inclusion of one or more members of parliament in the national delegation to the High-Level Week, as mandated by several UN General Assembly resolutions.

Additional details will soon be available on [a dedicated page](#) in the Events section of the IPU website.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General