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To: Presidents of IPU Groups

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to invite your Parliament to the Sixth Expert Roundtable on the Common Principles for Support to Parliaments, entitled ***From principle to practice: Enhancing parliamentary development through gender equality***. The Roundtable will take place online on **Tuesday, 9 December 2025**, from 14:00 to 15:30 CET. The concept note and provisional agenda are attached.

The Common Principles for Support to Parliaments were adopted by IPU Member Parliaments at the 131st IPU Assembly in October 2014. Developed through a process led by parliaments, in collaboration with support partners, the ten principles establish fundamental pillars for successful parliamentary self-development. I am proud that they have since been endorsed by 159 or 82% of national parliaments, and 33 partner organizations. It is a testament to the widespread agreement on this common standard for effective support and our shared vision for stronger parliaments.

In 2025, gender equality has taken centre stage at the IPU as its priority theme. In addition to being a key vector for inclusive representation, lawmaking and oversight within parliament, gender equality is also essential in the design and implementation of parliamentary development projects. This imperative is reflected in **Common Principle 6: Parliamentary support addresses the needs and potential of women and men equally in the structure, operation, methods and work of parliament**.

In this regard, this year's Expert Roundtable will bring together parliaments and support partners to take stock of progress in promoting gender equality through parliamentary self-development initiatives, explore innovative tools and practices, and discuss ways to overcome persistent barriers. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss concrete experiences and lessons learned from their countries and are therefore encouraged to come prepared with such examples to share with their colleagues.

I hope that a representative from your Parliament with responsibility for parliamentary development will be able to join us at this Roundtable. [Registration can be completed at this link](#).

We look forward to your Parliament's participation in this event and to our continued collaboration in advancing gender equality and effective parliamentary development.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General