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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

As per long-standing practice, we are pleased to announce that the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the European Parliament, in close cooperation with the Parliament of Cameroon, will organize the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO on 25 March 2026 at the Headquarters of the Senate in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The Conference will take place in the margins of the 14th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC14, 26-29 March 2026) and will be preceded by a preparatory meeting of the PCWTO Steering Committee (closed session) on 24 March 2026.

Established in 2002, the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO is a joint initiative of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the European Parliament, which serves as a permanent mechanism for parliamentary oversight of the WTO and aims to bring a parliamentary dimension to the WTO, helping to enhance the transparency and accountability of the global trading system. Parliaments play a crucial role in the ratification of key WTO agreements and contribute to the establishment and implementation of strategic trade policies.

We are pleased to invite your Parliament to send a gender-balanced delegation of four members to this Parliamentary Conference. The Conference is intended for legislators who are involved in parliamentary activities dealing with international trade, finance and development. It will provide them with an opportunity to obtain first-hand information on progress made from MC13 to MC14, interact with government negotiators and WTO officials, exchange views and experiences with colleagues in other parliaments, and identify avenues for parliamentary action at national and international levels.

We enclose the provisional annotated agenda and a practical information note for the Conference. These are also available on the IPU and the Parliament of Cameroon's respective websites. Please note that online registration for the Conference will be available through the IPU's event webpage as of Thursday, 5 February 2026 and will remain open until 6 March 2026.

As a general recommendation, participants in the Parliamentary Conference are advised to travel to Yaoundé as members of official national delegations to the WTO Ministerial Conference. This will allow them to be automatically accredited to the Ministerial Conference and receive access badges for the Palais des Congrès, where MC14 will be taking place.

We very much hope that your Parliament will participate in the forthcoming Yaoundé session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO.

Yours sincerely,

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