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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

I am pleased to invite your Parliament to participate in the IPU Global Parliamentary Conference on Human Rights, “*Protecting human rights in an age of disruption: The responsibility of parliaments*”, which will take place in Geneva on 12 and 13 November 2026. The Conference was first announced in July through the IPU’s weekly dispatch of activities to Member Parliaments; this letter is intended as the formal invitation to your Parliament to attend.

The Conference will bring together parliamentarians from around the world, alongside representatives of the United Nations, national human rights institutions, academia and civil society, at a time when human rights and democratic institutions are facing growing pressures. It will focus on practical ways in which parliaments can strengthen the protection and promotion of human rights through their legislative, oversight and representative functions.

Over the two days, participants will exchange experiences and good practices on parliamentary engagement with the United Nations human rights system, human rights in the age of artificial intelligence, freedom of expression, the protection of parliamentarians, and the rights of children, migrants and persons with disabilities. The highly interactive Conference will conclude with the adoption of a Geneva parliamentary call to action on human rights, setting out practical commitments for stronger parliamentary action.

I would be grateful if your Parliament could designate a delegation of up to three parliamentarians, ideally comprising both women and men who are actively engaged in human rights work within Parliament. The Conference is particularly intended for members of parliamentary committees dealing with human rights, justice, gender equality, democracy and social affairs.

The programme and the administrative and logistics note for participants are attached. Participants are kindly requested to register [here](#) by 31 October 2026. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

I very much hope that your Parliament will be represented at this important gathering and that its delegates will contribute actively to the exchanges and to the Geneva parliamentary call to action.

Yours sincerely,

Anda Filip
Secretary General