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Regional seminar for Parliaments from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia organized jointly by the National Assembly of Serbia and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

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Dear Mr./Madam Speaker,

It is our pleasure to invite your Parliament to the Regional Seminar *Parliamentary cooperation for sustainable development: Combating poverty and promoting health-care* for parliaments from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

This event, to be held in Belgrade on 24 and 25 May 2018, is the fourth in a series of IPU seminars for the region on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the previous three having been hosted by the Romanian Parliament (in 2015 and 2016) and the Hungarian National Assembly (in 2017).

In recognition of the major role parliaments play in implementing the SDGs, the IPU and the National Assembly of Serbia are pleased to continue to provide a platform for the exchange of ideas on the opportunities and challenges that come with the task of meeting the SDGs. With this in mind, the 2018 seminar will focus on combating poverty, promoting health-care, impacts of climate change, the engagement of youth as well as the development of parliamentary mechanisms for the implementation of the SDGs.

We trust that your Parliament will be represented at this Seminar. Parliaments are encouraged to send delegations of up to four members (parliamentarians and parliamentary staff) who are directly involved in these topics and who represent different political affiliations and both genders in a balanced manner. The working languages of the Seminar are English, French, Russian and Serbian. As usual, participants are asked to make their own arrangements for visas, accommodation and travel.

The concept note, draft programme, general information note, registration and hotel form for the event are enclosed. The registration form should be completed and returned to the National Assembly of Serbia with a copy to the IPU Secretariat by **4 May 2018** at the latest. This and other information about the Regional Seminar will soon be posted on the IPU website (<https://www.ipu.org/events/new-events>).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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