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Secretary General**

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that the WTO Public Forum will be held this year from 8 to 11 October on the WTO premises in Geneva (Centre William Rappard), under the overall theme *Trading Forward: Adapting to a Changing World*. Every year, the WTO Public Forum brings together over 1,500 delegates – government officials, parliamentarians, representatives of the private sector, NGOs and academia – to tackle the major issues facing global trade in our world today.

It is customary to hold a parliamentary session during the WTO Public Forum. This year the session will take place on Wednesday, 9 October 2019, from 8.30 to 10 a.m., in Room D at WTO Headquarters. A concept note will follow shortly.

I would be grateful if your parliament could be represented in the WTO Public Forum and in this parliamentary session which is geared towards the specific interests of members of parliament specializing in international trade.

The parliamentary session is open to all duly accredited Public Forum participants. The WTO Secretariat will provide interpretation in English, French and Spanish. A detailed programme of the session can be found on the WTO website:
www.wto.org/english/forums_e/public_forum19_e/public_forum19_e.htm.

In accordance with WTO practice, all participants in the Public Forum are responsible for their own visa and travel arrangements, as well as accommodation in Geneva. Online registration for the Public Forum is now open. Participants are required to register online, by 16 September at the latest, via the WTO website: (www.wto.org/english/forums_e/public_forum19_e/pf19_reg_e.htm). Registrations are handled by the WTO Secretariat. On-site registration will not be available.

The IPU is not able to handle any logistical matters relating to the WTO Public Forum and is not in a position to assist delegates with accommodation or any other such practical arrangements relating to their stay in Geneva, which remain the sole responsibility of each of the WTO Forum participants.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General