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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

The fifteenth meeting of the United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF) will be held over seven days between 9 to 17 November 2020 (excluding the weekend, 14-15 November). We will jointly organize a dedicated Parliamentary Roundtable on 10 November. We are pleased to invite your parliament to participate in this event. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Forum will be hosted online.

The fifteenth IGF aims at bringing together more than 3,000 participants from different stakeholder groups and some of the most prominent individuals in the global Internet governance discourse. Following extensive, broad-based, and multi-stakeholder discussions on the thematic direction for IGF activities in 2020, the IGF Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) has identified four priority themes for a focused and cohesive programme for this year. These are: (1) Data; (2) Environment; (3) Inclusion; and (4) Trust. The detailed programme of the fifteenth IGF, including its main sessions and workshops, as well as related information, will be made available at the IGF website: <https://www.intgovforum.org>

Within the framework of the priority themes, the Forum will concentrate on the role of digital technologies for improving people's lives and livelihoods and for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the world. It will further review the role of public policies and public-private partnerships in addressing growing challenges such as cybersecurity, breaches of human rights and freedoms online.

The Forum will offer a timely platform for exchange of good practices and for enhanced digital cooperation across all sectors and disciplines. We believe that it is very important for parliamentarians to take an active role in these discussions, and for the IGF community to hear your voice. We also believe that the good practices exchanged at IGF can contribute to strengthening the legislative framework for Internet governance at the national level.

Presidents of IPU Groups
New York/Geneva

We sincerely hope that we will have the pleasure and honor of your presence and participation at the IGF 2020 meeting. To register a delegation, please go to <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2020-registration>. Members of parliament should select 'Government' as their stakeholder group and tick the check-box 'Please check if you are a member of regional, national or supranational Parliament' to identify as legislators.

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Yours sincerely,



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