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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our great pleasure to invite your Parliament to take part in the Regional Seminar for Parliaments of the Caribbean to be held from 27 to 29 May 2024 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. This event is jointly organized by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

The seminar will build on the conclusions of the previous IPU activities in the Caribbean region, notably the regional seminars on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) held in Suriname in 2018 and in Trinidad and Tobago in 2019. Following a consultation with the Parliaments of the region, the 2024 seminar will focus on climate change, including on the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in climate change mitigation and migration as its consequence.

The seminar will showcase the latest data and developments on the subject, promote dialogue with experts and among parliaments, and highlight good practices. Given their legislative, oversight, representative and budgetary functions, parliaments are uniquely placed to lead the way in responding to climate change.

We invite you to send a delegation of up to four parliamentarians. Ideally, the delegation should be gender-balanced and include members of specialized committees dealing with sustainable development and climate change. The participation of young parliamentarians is also encouraged.

To facilitate preparations for the seminar, we invite you to express your Parliament's interest in attending the seminar by returning the duly completed attached form to postbox@ipu.org by 26 April 2024. Individual delegates can register through the following link by 15 May 2024: <https://registration.ipu.org/TT>.

To facilitate preparations for the seminar, the IPU is pleased to exceptionally offer to cover the cost of accommodation and flight in economy class for one parliamentarian per country. More information about these arrangements can be requested by writing to the following address: postbox@ipu.org.

A general information document is enclosed to this letter. The draft programme will be sent out in due course and posted at <https://www.ipu.org/events/current-and-future-events>.

We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming your delegation to Trinidad and Tobago.

Yours sincerely,

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