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Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations

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Towards a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration: A parliamentary perspective

New York, 14 November 2017

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

As agreed in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants in 2016, Member States of the United Nations are working toward a global compact on safe, orderly and regular migration which will be adopted at an intergovernmental conference in 2018. Negotiations on this compact will start in February after a year-long preparatory process consisting of thematic sessions, multi-stakeholder hearings and other consultations at global and regional levels.

We are pleased to announce that the 2018 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations in New York will take place on the 22-23 February 2018. The focus of the 2018 Hearing is on migration.

The Parliamentary Hearing will provide an opportunity to discuss migration as a global phenomenon, and to build a comprehensive parliamentary perspective on key questions related to migration. This will help inform the intergovernmental negotiations by offering views of the parliamentarians as a distinct constituency that has an important role in the implementation of political agreements negotiated under the auspices of the United Nations.

The Parliamentary Hearing will take place following a multi-stakeholder hearing on the 21 February, which is part of the preparatory process leading to the global compact on safe, orderly and regular migration. This event brings together representatives from Member States, civil society, academia, the private sector, national human rights institutions and parliaments. We encourage Parliamentarians to participate in the multi-stakeholder hearing.

We are pleased to enclose a registration form and information note for the Hearing. A preliminary programme will be circulated in early January 2018. Information will be posted on the IPU website at www.ipu.org as it becomes available.

We look forward to welcoming a delegation from your Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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President of the IPU

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