





## Ninth IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians 15 – 17 September 2023, Hanoi, Viet Nam

To: Presidents of IPU Groups

5 July 2023

Dear Madam President, Dear Mr. President,

We are pleased to invite you to the Ninth IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians, to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam from 15 – 17 September 2023. The theme of the Conference will be *The role of youth in accelerating the achievement of the SDGs through digital transformation and innovation*. The Conference is being jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the National Assembly of Viet Nam.

The IPU's annual Global Conferences of Young Parliamentarians are unique platforms for young members of parliament to get together, exchange, learn and define common and innovative strategies to advance youth empowerment. Since 2014, the Global Conferences have addressed topical issues linked to youth empowerment and have provided policy orientation in areas such as political participation, peace and security, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), social and economic inclusion, education and employment, well-being, recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and climate action.

The Ninth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians will take place eight years after the adoption of the <u>Hanoi Declaration on The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</u> by IPU Member Parliaments in 2015. As we pass the mid-way point to achieving the SDGs by 2030, the Conference will take stock of progress, and highlight the rising importance of technology and innovation to accelerate action towards these global goals. More specifically, the Conference will empower young MPs to build knowledge and experience to better position themselves to perform their roles on timely topics such as digital transformation, innovation and start-ups, and cultural and human values for sustainable development. Delegations are therefore encouraged to come prepared with examples of good practices to share with their colleagues.

We are pleased to invite you to send a delegation of up to four of your young MPs (under 45 years of age) to attend the Conference. In order to benefit from a balanced range of views, we encourage you to send a gender-balanced delegation. We also encourage you to include the youngest members of your Parliament.

Registration can be completed at the following link: <a href="https://registration.ipu.org/d/20qv7m/">https://registration.ipu.org/d/20qv7m/</a>. Additional information related to the Conference, including a concept note, provisional agenda and general information note, will be shared shortly and made available on the Conference website at the following link: <a href="https://www.ipu.org/event/ninth-global-conference-young-parliamentarians">https://www.ipu.org/event/ninth-global-conference-young-parliamentarians</a>. We would be grateful if you could complete your Parliament's registration by 25 August 2023.

We look forward to welcoming the young parliamentarians to Hanoi.

Yours sincerely,

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