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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I have pleasure in inviting your parliament to attend the 2011 joint IPU-ASGP conference. It is being organised in partnership with Monash University (Australia). It will take place in Bern (Switzerland) on 19-20 October, in conjunction with the 125th IPU Assembly.

The theme of the Conference is 'Effective capacity building programmes for parliamentarians'. It will allow a dialogue between parliamentarians, Secretaries General, parliamentary officials, academics and practitioners. By sharing experiences, participants will obtain new information and perspectives on the effective design, delivery and evaluation of capacity building programmes for parliamentarians.

Between 100 and 150 participants are expected to attend the Conference on 20 October. A smaller Expert seminar of academics and practitioners will take place on 19 October, whose conclusions will be presented at the opening of the proceedings on the following day.

The provisional agenda for the Conference is enclosed, as well as an information note and a registration form. All documents are also posted on the IPU web site: <http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/asgp11.htm>.

I very much hope that your parliament will participate in this event and look forward to receiving the names of your delegates in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johnsson
Secretary General