Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Marrakech

Advance Information Note

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**Office of the
Secretary General**

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

The 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 12th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, commonly known as COP22/CMP12, will take place in Marrakech, Morocco, from 7 to 18 November 2016. The annual sessions of the United Nations Climate Change Conference traditionally attract thousands of participants from government, parliament, business, the scientific community and non-governmental organizations.

The IPU has taken the lead in providing a parliamentary dimension to this process. I am pleased to inform you that the IPU and the Moroccan Parliament will jointly organize a Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of COP22/CMP12 in Marrakech. It will follow up on the highly successful Parliamentary Meeting held in Paris, in December 2015, which led to the adoption by the IPU of the Parliamentary Action Plan on Climate Change (http://www.ipu.org/english/surveys.htm#climat16).

The Parliamentary Meeting in Marrakech will take place on **13 November 2016**, on the premises of the **Palmeraie Palace Hotel and Conference Center** (http://www.palmeraiemarrakech.com/congres-evenements/). Its programme and relevant practical information, including the registration form, will be posted on the IPU website (http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/cop22.htm) in the coming weeks.

The Meeting in Marrakech will be held with a view to providing parliamentarians with an opportunity to obtain first-hand information on the main issues and orientations of COP22/CMP12, interact with government negotiators directly involved in the UNFCCC decision-making process, gain better knowledge of the recommendations included in the IPU's Parliamentary Action Plan on Climate Change and discuss ways of ensuring speedy operationalization of the 2015 multilateral deal on climate change, known as the Paris Agreement, through its ratification or other forms of domestic legislative action, as appropriate.

As on past occasions, the Meeting in Marrakech is intended for parliamentarians who will be present for the UNFCCC session as members of official national delegations or in any other capacity, such as observers representing civil society organizations. To ensure the success of the Meeting, it is of paramount importance that each parliament nominates MPs who are directly involved in activities dealing with environmental protection and climate change.

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It is recommended, whenever possible, that parliamentary delegates travel to Marrakech as members of official national delegations to COP22/CMP12. This is by far the easiest way to ensure that their transportation, visa, and accommodation needs are dealt with in a centralized way. More importantly, they will be automatically accredited to the UN Climate Change Conference and receive ID badges allowing them unrestricted access to COP22/CMP12 premises.

I therefore urge you to contact your country's relevant ministry without delay. I must stress that the IPU and the Moroccan Parliament are not in a position to facilitate accreditation to the UN Climate Change Conference.

Should your delegation wish to book rooms at preferential rates in the Palmeraie Palace Hotel, where the Parliamentary Meeting will be taking place, it is possible to use an on-line booking facility provided by the Hotel with the assistance from the Moroccan Parliament. To use the booking facility, please follow instructions on the following web page: http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/cop22/Palmeraie.pdf. The hotel can only guarantee bookings at preferential rates if they are made before **31 July 2016**.

Yours sincerely,

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