



To: Presidents of IPU Groups

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Dear Madam President, Dear Mr. President,

We are pleased to invite you to the Fifth IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 14 and 15 December 2018. The theme of the Conference will be *Promoting sustainability, protecting the interests of future generations*. It is being jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Parliament of Azerbaijan.

One of the cornerstones of parliaments is that they be representative of the people in all their diversity. All segments of the population should be included in decisions that will affect their future. The same applies to future generations. Although those individuals who will make up the future generations may be inherently absent from public decision-making today, their interests need to be taken into account in the present.

The Baku Conference will engage young parliamentarians on challenges and strategies to drive greater inclusion of future generations in today's policy-making. It will enable the sharing and consolidation of innovative solutions to three main issues: the role of youth in environmental protection, sustainable consumption and production, and prioritizing youth empowerment. The Conference will be an opportunity for young parliamentarians to rally around a common vision that safeguards the prosperity and well-being of future generations.

We are pleased to invite you to send a delegation of up to four of your young MPs (age limit of 45 years) 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 in the delegation.

Certain sessions in the programme will be dedicated to sharing action-oriented good practices. Participants are therefore encouraged to bring their own specific proposals and experiences on how young parliamentarians can concretely contribute to processes and policies that strengthen the voices of future generations in decision-making.

We enclose additional information related to the Conference as well as a registration and hotel booking form. A preliminary agenda will be sent to you in due course. We would be grateful if you could send your completed registration forms to postbox@ipu.org and ipubaku@meclis.gov.az by 30 November 2018.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and to the pleasure of welcoming the young parliamentarians to Baku.

Yours sincerely,

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