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## Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations

21-22 February 2019  
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New York



### ***Emerging challenges to multilateralism: a parliamentary response***

New York, 12 November 2018

Dear Madam President,  
Dear Mr. President,

We are happy to announce that the 2019 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations, ***Emerging challenges to multilateralism: a parliamentary response***, will take place on 21-22 February in New York.

The international community and national governments are contending with global issues such as climate change, migrants and refugees, sustainable development, and nuclear disarmament, amongst others, where no one country can go it alone. Political commitment to international agreements is proving harder to achieve and maintain. Strengthening multilateralism was a recurring theme in many statements made by Heads of State and Government during the General Debate of the UN General Assembly last September.

There is therefore an urgent need to engage parliaments in a discussion on the future of multilateralism to renew trust and confidence in the multilateral system, with the United Nations at its center.

This year's hearing will review the multilateral system to ensure that all countries can contribute to decisions that affect the entire global community. In this context, the hearing will discuss how national politics and institutions can strengthen the multilateral system in all its aspects.

The registration form and information note for the meeting are enclosed. A preliminary draft programme will be ready in mid-December. All information, including background documentation, will be posted on the IPU website at [www.ipu.org](http://www.ipu.org).

We look forward to welcoming a delegation of up to six members from your parliament at this important meeting. This hearing is a great opportunity for our two institutions to work together in the spirit of this year's General Assembly resolution on *Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the IPU*.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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